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Katholos to AEK, Patalis to Ethnikos?

Peter Katholos of Sydney Olympic is set to transfer to AEK Athens for the start of the Greek season in September.

And another Greek First Division club, Ethnikos, is interested in Olympic's flying winger, Terry Patalis.

Katholos and Patalis trained in Greece over the holidays.

AEK wanted Katholos to stay, and offered him a place in its senior team, but business commitments forced him to return home.

However, AEK officials made it clear they want him back for next season.

Katholos now is trying to get Olympic to agree to a new contract which would release him to AEK in about July.

At AEK he would be in the company of

Greek internationals Mavros, Manolas and Arizoglou, Swedish striker Sandberg and Czech international Stambach.

"I think I could play in Greece, no worries," said Katholos, who won the 1983 Australian Player of the Year award.

"Playing in Europe would be the fulfillment of a dream. Alan Davidson is

doing it at Nottingham Forest and that alone, should give Australian players new confidence in their ability."

Katholos, who played for St George and Canterbury-Marrickville before joining Olympic, has represented Australia 23 times.

His weekly "Soccer Action" column appears on page 14 of this issue.



Peter Katholos

Gomez, Blair may join the Roos

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Gomez



Blair



Alan Davidson in Notts Forest strip — he'll play for Australia in the World Cup.

Chris Kalantzis (Olympic), Steve Blair (SM-Hellas), Gerardo Gomez (SC-Hakoah), David Lowe, Rod Brown (Marconi) and Tony Dakos (Olympic) are among the players in line for a chance with the Socceroos.

Frank Arok mentioned them when he discussed the Socceroos' 1984 world tour and the way the team is shaping for the mid-season international series, and the World Cup qualifying rounds.

'Davo', Mitchell in

Some of the 1984 tourists, would be dropped, he said.

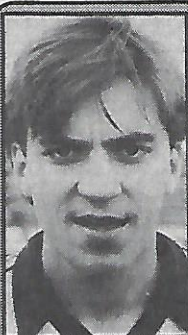
And Arok gave a firm assurance that Alan Davidson of Nottingham Forest and David Mitchell of Glasgow Rangers both will play for Australia in the World Cup.

His confidence in Davidson makes it less important that the world tour failed to turn up an adequate replacement at right back, although Wally Savor, Ian Gray, John O'Shea and others were tried out there.

Aware of claims that he should have a settled team by now, Arok said:

"Let's not kid ourselves. No set of players can ever have a God-given right to all the places in the national team. Some did not produce what I expected on the tour, and we must try to find alternatives — even maybe one or two new ones for the starting line-up."

"We could do with more speed.



Gary McDowell

■ Preston Mahodonia has offered Box Hill \$10,000 for striker Steve Smith, who capped a remarkable first season in the Victorian State League last year by winning the Bill Fleming Medal and "Soccer Action's" Best Player award for the State League Player of the Year.

Failing to come to terms has led to Mahodonia team for leaving Steve Smith for \$32,000. George Campbell for \$18,500, Luke Pateras for \$12,000 and Claude Luchini for the \$2000 maximum stipulated in his contract.

As we went to press, Mahodonia hadn't received any official approaches for the services of the four and there's still a chance that they could reach agreement with the club over new contracts.

So far, only Socceroos striker Warren Smith is new. He was registered with Devon-

ON THE MOVE Hellas, Saints to get stars

■ Marshall Soper and Gary McDowell were on the verge of transferring as we went to press.

Soper, the Socceroos striker of Sydney Olympic, was being pursued by St George Bulldogs, while South Melbourne Hellas was expected to sign McDowell despite an offer for him from Juventus.

St. George coach Frank Arok, who also is Soper's coach in the national team, said he was keen to sign the striker providing he agrees to move to Sydney.

Although he has been playing for Sydney Olympic, Soper has continued to live in Melbourne.

Soper's price will be more than \$20,000, while Hellas has offered \$15,000 for McDowell, the midfielder or centre back whom Arok has earmarked for the national squad if he successfully meets residency requirements. McDowell came from Scotland where he played for Hamilton Academical.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Target: Steve Smith

■ As an amateur but has spent the past two years at the Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Mahodonia will also seek striker George Patras from Hellas, once he recovers from injury.

Defender Bill Pictorovski, Marco Momicovski, Kevin Kinnear, defender Mick Kalantzis and George Galt and goalkeeper Philip Timonidis are in new coach Bill Murray's first team squad.

They all were in Mahodonia's youth team last year.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Marshall Soper

Byrne, Burke return

■ With Brisbane City for the release of defender Luciano Polunin. Initially, Canberra tried unsuccessfully to snap Steve Hogg for Polunin.

Coach Collins has retained John Whitfield, Tom Sarmon, Brian Phillips, Roy Jones, Marko Pavlovic, Paul O'Shea, Phil Richmond, Steve Byrne and Ian O'Shea.

Along with Burke, Byrne, Franken, Kinnear, Kinnear and the three newcomers the club is trying to sign. Collins will have a busy week this season.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Talking about promising young players, Arok ventured the opinion that Kalantzis of Olympic — a member of the national youth team — had been playing with great speed and flair. "He's like a mad genius out on the field," Arok said.

The biggest success of the tour was that it confirmed Tommy McCulloch of Marconi and Oscar Crino of SM-Hellas as key national team players.

"It would be nonsense to suggest that Crino isn't the best creative player in the squad, but I want him to be more mobile when we're defending," Arok said.

McCulloch has that defensive quality. He's a destroyer, a runner and a finisher, but of course can't create for others the way Crino can.

Charlie Egan, top scorer on the tour, had some "really beautiful" games, but also some quiet

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It's the clash of the kids in World Cup at Knox

The Medibank Private Junior Under-14 World Cup kicks off at Egan Lee Reserve, home of Victorian State League club Knox City, this Saturday with 16 "nations" represented.

Group "A" consists of England, Germany, Wales and Chile. Group "B" comprises Greece, Ireland, Yugoslavia and Hispania. Group "C" is made up of Scotland, Italy, Lebanon and Holland, while Australia, Vietnam, Hungary and Turkey are in Group "D".

The preliminary rounds are held on a round-robin basis. The top teams in each group then advance to the semi-finals and the winners play in the final. The semi-finals will be held at 1 pm and 3 pm on Saturday, February 23. The play off for third and fourth place kicks off at 1 pm

and the final starts at 3 pm on Sunday, February 24.

Medibank Private is sponsoring the tournament to the tune of \$2,000. The Knox City council is providing medallions for all players in the first, second and third placed teams and the match program is sponsored by the Ethnic Affairs Commission.

Federal MHR and Minister for Consumer Affairs, Peter Spjyer, will attend the opening and closing ceremonies. The mayor of Knox, councillor Geoff Draper, heads the list of local councillors in attendance.

Here is the draw:
Saturday, February 2: England v Germany at 1 pm, Greece v Ireland at 2.30 pm on pitch one; Scotland v Italy at 1.30 pm, Australia v Vietnam at 3 pm on pitch two.

Sunday, February 3: Wales v Chile at 1 pm, Yugoslavia v Hispania at 2.30 pm on pitch one; Lebanon v Holland at 1.30 pm, Hungary v Turkey at 3 pm on pitch two.

Saturday, February 9: England v Wales

at 1.30 pm, Greece v Yugoslavia at 3 pm on pitch one; Scotland v Lebanon at 1 pm, Australia v Hungary at 2.30 pm on pitch two.

Sunday, February 10: Germany v Chile at 1.30 pm, Ireland v Hispania at 3 pm on pitch one; Italy v Holland at 1 pm, Vietnam v Turkey at 2.30 pm on pitch two.

Saturday, February 16: England v Chile at 1 pm, Greece v Hispania at 2.30 pm on pitch one; Scotland v Holland at 1.30 pm, Australia v Turkey at 3 pm on pitch two.

Sunday, February 17: Wales v Germany at 1 pm on pitch one, Yugoslavia v Ireland at 12 pm on pitch two; Lebanon v Italy at 1.30 pm, Hungary v Vietnam at 3 pm on pitch two.

Saturday, February 23: First semi-final between winner Group "A" and winner Group "C" at 1 pm, second semi-final between winner Group "B" and winner Group "D" at 3 pm.

Sunday, February 24: Play off for third and fourth place at 1 pm final at 3 pm.



Knox City official Tony Kennedy (right) and federal MHR and Minister for Consumer Affairs, Peter Spjyer (left) flank Ian Chittick, the state manager of Medibank Private, major sponsor of the Junior Under-14 Medibank Private World Cup which kicks off at Egan Lee Reserve this Saturday.

Negative tactics driving away the fans, says Eddie Thomson whose advice to coaches is . . .

In his pursuit of soccer entertainment, Sydney Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson is considering throwing caution to the wind by using all four of his forwards this year — Grant Lee, John Kosmina, Frank Farina and Graham Fletcher.

He could leave out Lee and Fletcher in order to use a four-man midfield of Joe Watson, Gerardo Gomez, Paul Kay and Murray Barnes, but Thomson believes soccer should be taking a new direction.

"All teams have to go out and entertain, otherwise, why ask people to pay money at the gate?" he says.

"We've been losing fans by the droves, and it's up to us, the coaches, to get them back by providing something they want to watch."

"If the majority of teams resort to safety first once again, we might as well play behind locked doors, without spectators. That's where we'll be heading."

Thomson, the unrivalled king of Australian coaches (who can match his record with Hakoah) believes strongly that the NSL should revert to three points for a win.

"Look how successful it's been in England," he said, "yet we give it one year, and then scrap it. It's a sure-fire way of ensuring teams don't just go for a draw."

Farina, bought from Canberra Arrows for the \$800 maximum transfer fee in his contract, is Hakoah's only new signing so far, but the advantage gained may be offset by Jim Cant's move to Canberra.

Cant, who lives in Canberra, was travelling to Sydney on Fridays for training last season, and then played at the weekend before returning home. He's sick of the travelling, but Hakoah will seek about \$15,000 for him so it can buy a replacement.

Thomson tried Joe Senkalski of Newcastle-Rosebud but Senkalski was not willing to give up his teaching job, nor leave his house in Newcastle, so he has resigned with the Rosebuds. "I admire him for his decision," Thomson said. "He has his priorities right, and he's not about to jeopardise his career for a few thousand dollars."

Hakoah has released young sweeper Harry Ree, 18, to Canterbury Marrickville on a one-year loan to help him develop. "He's too good to be playing in our youth team," Thomson said.

Young players Graham Patterson, a midfielder, and John Foxman, a striker, will continue to gain tuition under Thomson, who has high hopes for both of them.

But Thomson's most glowing praise is reserved for Robert Hooker, whom he calls "the best young prospect in Australia and better than Jim Patikas at his age."

The Hakoah defence is unlikely to change this year, with Tony Pezzano in goal, and Ean Rodrigues, Alex Robertson,

Steve O'Connor and Jean-Paul de Marigny across the back four.

And while most clubs have scrapped signing-on fees, Hakoah has retained them.

Thomson, the assistant national coach, has a busy year ahead of him. He will take the national Maccabi team to the Maccabiah Games in Israel in early July, before becoming involved in the Soccer's World Cup campaign.

Thomson took the NSW Maccabi team to the Australian Maccabiah Games in Perth, where it beat Victoria 2-1 and lost 0-1 to Western Australia, which won the title.

The Games are contested by Jewish players.

— Laurie Schwab



Frank Farina — joining Grant Lee, John Kosmina and Graham Fletcher.



Eddie Thomson — boss of Sydney City Hakoah and assistant national coach.

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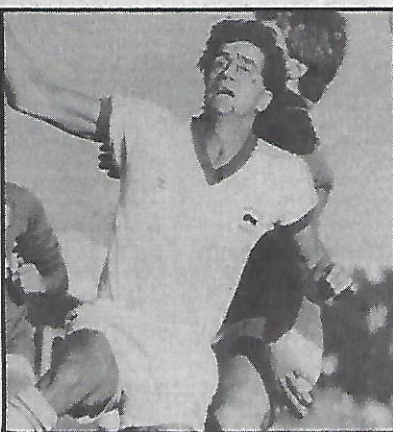
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Bill Lazopoulos

J.U.S.T. wants Lazopoulos

Footscray J.U.S.T. was chasing Bill Lazopoulos, who had a spectacular first season in the State League last year, scoring 17 goals and finishing among the leaders in the Rothmans Medal voting.

Yet, Lazopoulos, 21, had climbed from the obscurity of the Victorian Fourth Division, where he spent five seasons with Hawthorn.

He was Hawthorn's top scorer for all but one of those years, yet it was with Western Suburbs in the State League that he achieved his highest goals tally.

Before joining Hawthorn, he played junior soccer with Hellad for two years and Melbourne for one year.

He stands at 5ft 11 ins and his biggest asset is his blistering speed.

On J.U.S.T.'s forward line, he will combine with another young recruit, Ernie Tapal from Melbourne-Hungaria, and of course veteran left winger Zdravko Lujic. Another recruit is likely to join them — possibly Claude Lucchesi from Macedonia.

The other new man at J.U.S.T. is Milan Stojilovic from Springvale United, a midfielder or forward of great skill and flair.

Amateurs boost ranks to 100

Amateur soccer is on the move in Victoria judging by the response to a recent membership drive conducted by the Industrial and Amateur Soccer League.

IASL president, Henry Siwka, announced that response to the recruitment campaign had been very successful.

Siwka said "The IASL has received an unprecedented response to the campaign, gaining applications from more than 10 new teams to join."

"With the new teams coming into our competition this year, we are going to change the very nature of amateur soccer in this State," he said.

With already almost 90 teams playing, the IASL is the largest amateur soccer competition in Victoria.

And as a result of late entries, Siwka hopes that 100 teams will compete in the IASL this season.

Teams still wanting to join for the 1985 season should urgently contact the IASL on 528 2955.

POLONIA COACH KILLED

Waldemar Obrabski, recently appointed coach of Polonia Adelaide, was killed in a car crash in South Australia last weekend.

Obrabski, 40, was in charge of Poland's Olympic squad for almost four years, was boss of Poland's under 21 national team for

four years, and also helped prepare the senior national squad for the 1978 World Cup.

As a player, he had a distinguished career with Legia Warsaw and Polonia Warsaw as a midfielder.

Obrabski replaced Polonia's former coach Rick Hamence.



Margaritis bidding his time

Top coach John Margaritis (pictured) is back in Melbourne after a long holiday in Europe during which he observed soccer trends in West Germany, Greece, Belgium and England.

Melbourne Croatia tried in vain to sign Margaritis while he was away, and later appointed Domagoj Kapetanovic.

So Margaritis will continue

to take it easy, at least in the early months of the season.

"I'll do some study and prepare myself in case I find a team I like," he said.

Margaritis, who coached Juventus last year, and Hellas, Heidelberg and West Adelaide previously, spent time in Greece with coaches Kozick of PAOK and Patalis of Iraklis. PAOK, the club for which Margaritis played in Greece, is on top of the ladder, three points ahead of Panathinaikos, which has bought Saravakos for \$400,000 from Panionios, Sestic from Yugoslavia and Rocha from Argentina.

Young 'Roos head off on the road to Russia

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

National youth coach Jim Shoulder is banking on speed, strength, mental toughness and organisation to carry Australia through the qualifying tournament at St. George stadium and into the finals of the 1985 World Youth Cup to be held in the USSR in August and September.

From February 15 to 24, Australia will compete with Israel, New Zealand, Taiwan, Fiji and Papua New Guinea in Sydney in a round-robin tournament which could see the emergence of future national stars.

While most observers see Israel as the greatest stumbling block in the way of clinching a finals berth, Shoulder won't fall into the trap of taking other opponents lightly.

"I don't know much about our opponents but traditionally Israel and New Zealand have given us most trouble," he said.

"Obviously, the Kiwis are going to be hard to beat. They don't produce players of the same quality as us but they're always well organised and motivated.

"Everyone seems to be overlooking Taiwan. I won't be making the same mistake. They'll be quick and sharp and if the conditions are hot, as expected, then they could give us problems.

"Fiji and Papua New Guinea are unpredictable. You could go out there and knock 12 past them or end up having really tough games.

"The best prepared side in terms of mental toughness and the side that treats each opponent on an equal footing is the side that should emerge with a finals spot."

Preston Makedonia's new signing, striker Warren Spink, has been suspended by the ASF for the St. George tournament after an



Jim Shoulder

incident during the 1984 Merlion Cup in Singapore where it was alleged that Spink urinated into an ashtray in a local shop.

Robert Markovac, at present at the centre of a transfer wrangle between Melbourne Croatia and Heidelberg, relays Spink in Shoulder's 18-man squad.

"I support the suspension of Warren Spink. You can't represent your country and bring the game into disrepute," said Shoulder.

The Australians will bank heavily on the speed of players like Chris Kalantzis, Lou Hristodoulou and Sean Ingham and the strength of Peter Petkovski and Aki Kotzamalichas.

"It's the physical things that we're best at but we can play too, don't worry about that. Most of the lads are strong, quick and very athletic. In the Merlion Cup (where many youth players were used) we played a physical game. We marked opponents tightly and when we got the ball we used it quickly. It's probably going to be hot in Sydney in February and we'll have to keep the pres-

The Australian youth squad is:

GOALKEEPERS: Mirko Runje (Melbourne Croatia), Paul Jones (AIS).

DEFENDERS: John Gregson (Melita Eagles), Aki Kotzamalichas (Melbourne Croatia), Alex Tobin (Adelaide Juventus), Andrew Bernal (AIS), Robert Hooker (AIS), Michael McLennan (AIS).

MIDFIELDERS: Richard Bassingthwaite (Lions), Alex Bundalo (Wollongong), John Kanesoulis (SM-Hellas), John Panagis (WA-Hellas), David Sharpe (AIS).

FORWARDS: Chris Kalantzis (Olympic), Peter Potkovski (St. George), Louis Hristodoulou (AIS), Sean Ingham (AIS), Robert Markovac (Melbourne Croatia).

Eight players are on standby. They are:

Mark Jones, defender (Newcastle Rosebud United), Slavko Hrnar, defender (Beograd), Andrew Koczka, utility (St. George), Paul Kolesnikowicz, goalkeeper (Polonia SA), Alex Lambropoulos, defender (Olympic), Pedro Ricoy, midfielder (St. George), Theo Stamatiopoulos, midfielder (WA-Hellas), Craig Williams, forward (Melita Eagles).

sure up all the way. The lads are capable of doing that, though."

The Australians go into camp at the Institute of Sport in Canberra this Saturday, February 2, for two weeks.

Shoulder and assistant coach Ron Tindall will sharpen up the players, work on team organisation and play practice matches against local NSL clubs Canberra Arrows and Inter Monaro.

There's a chance that Preston Makedonia also could provide the Australians with match practice as Makedonia coach Bill Murray is keen to take his first team squad to the Institute for two or three days.

Should the Australians qualify for the finals, they may use the Joao Havelange tournament in Mexico in April as part of their preparation.

Should they fail to be invited to that tournament, Shoulder hopes to go to Europe for three weeks, probably using Amsterdam in Holland as a base camp, and play against European national youth teams.



SM-Hellas midfielder John Kanesoulis — one of the young Socceroos.

Triple — headers at St. George

The full draw for the World Youth Cup qualifying games to be held at St. George Stadium in Sydney is:

Friday, February 15: Fiji v Papua New Guinea at 4.30 pm; Taiwan v Israel at 6.15 pm; New Zealand v Australia at 8.15 pm.

Sunday, February 17: Papua New Guinea v Israel at 1 pm; New Zealand v Taiwan at 3 pm; Fiji v Australia at 5 pm.

Wednesday, February 20: Fiji v Israel at 4.30 pm; Papua New Guinea v New Zealand at 6.15 pm; Australia v Taiwan at 8.15 pm.

Friday, February 22: Fiji v Taiwan at 4.30 pm; Israel v New Zealand at 6.15 pm; Australia v Papua New Guinea at 8.15 pm.

Sunday, February 24: Taiwan v Papua New Guinea at 10 am; Fiji v New Zealand at 7 pm; Israel v Australia at 8.45 pm.

The long break between the first and second games on the final day is due to the NSW Ampol Cup final which kicks off at St. George Stadium at 1 pm.

Argentina, Scotland our victims

Australia is trying to qualify for the World Youth Cup finals for the third consecutive time.

The young 'Roos have failed to qualify just once. That was in Paraguay in 1979 when they drew twice with Israel but lost twice to the home country.

The World Youth Cup is held every two years. It first was held in Tunisia in 1977, then in Japan (1979), Australia (1981) and Mexico (1983). The 1985 finals will be held in the USSR from August 24 to September 7.

Here are the scorers and line-ups of every World Youth Cup qualifying and finals game played by Australia:

1979

Qualifying tournament in New Zealand:

Australia 9 (Jennings 2, Tredinnick 2, Krncevic 2, Raskopoulos, Moulis, Christopoulos) PAPUA NEW GUINEA 0 in Auckland

Australia: Woodhouse; Hogg, Rowden, Christopoulos, Moulis, Christopoulos, Tredinnick, Hall, Krncevic, Jennings

Australia 5 (Krncevic 3 incl 1 pen, Hunter, Tredinnick) FIJI 1 in Auckland

Australia: Woodhouse; Moulis, Rowden, Christopoulos, Moulis, Christopoulos, Tredinnick, Hall, Krncevic, Jennings

1981

World Youth Cup finals, held in Australia. Group D:

Australia 2 (Koussas

dis, Davidson, Tredinnick; Hall (Hunter), Krncevic, Jennings. AUSTRALIA 2 (Selemidis, Krncevic) NEW ZEALAND 1 in Auckland

Australia: Woodhouse; Hogg, Rowden, Christopoulos, Spanos, Selemidis, Davidson (sent off 30th min), Raskopoulos (Milovanovic), Hunter, Krncevic, Tredinnick (Tombidis).

Qualifying tournament in Paraguay:

Australia 0 PARAGUAY 2 in Asuncion

Australia: Woodhouse; Moulis, Christopoulos, Rowden, Milovanovic, Selemidis, Krncevic, Hogg, Hunter (Kay), Hall, Jennings (Tredinnick).

Australia 0 ISRAEL 0 in Asuncion

Australia: Woodhouse; Hogg, Christopoulos, Rowden, Milovanovic, Davidson, Selemidis, Kay (Jennings), Hall, Krncevic, Tredinnick.

Australia 0 PARAGUAY 3 in Asuncion

Australia: Woodhouse; Hogg, Rowden, Selemidis, Milovanovic, Davidson (sent off 85th), Spanos, Tredinnick, Hall, Krncevic, Jennings.

Australia 0 ISRAEL 0 in Asuncion

Australia: Woodhouse; Hogg, Rowden, Christopoulos, Milovanovic, Hall, Selemidis, Davidson, Jennings, Hunter, Krncevic, Tredinnick.

80th, Hunter 90th) ARGENTINA 1 (Burchaga penalty 68th) at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 15,814.

Australia: Ahearn 7 — Wheatley 8, Blair 9, Crino 9, H. Tredinnick 7 — Lee 6, Raskopoulos 7, Kay 9, Incantalupo 6 (Hunter 64th) — Mitchell 8, Koussas 7 (Partikas 81st).

Australia 3 (Mitchell 11th, Koussas 53rd, penalty 78th) CAMEROON 3 (Djenkpa 37th, 52nd, Olie 17th) at International Sports Centre, Newcastle. Crowd: 13,797.

Australia: Ahearn 6 — Wheatley 7, Crino 8, Blair 8, H. Tredinnick 7 — Lee 7 (Hunter HT, 7), Raskopoulos 7, Kay 8, Incantalupo 6 (Partikas 74th) — Mitchell 8, Koussas 7.

Australia 1 (Koussas 7th) ENGLAND 1 (Small 83rd) at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 28,932.

Australia: Ahearn 7 — Wheatley 8, Crino 8, Blair 9, H. Tredinnick 8 — Partikas 7 (Hunter 63rd), Kay 9, Raskopoulos 9, Incantalupo 6 (Lee 80th) — Koussas 9, Mitchell 9.

Final Group D standings:

W O L F A Pts
England..... 1 2 0 4 2 4
Australia..... 1 2 0 8 5 4
Argentina..... 1 1 1 3 3 3
Cameroon..... 0 1 2 3 5 1

Quarter-final:

Australia 0 WEST GERMANY 1 (Wohlfarth 69th) at Bruce Stadium, Canberra. Crowd: 16,000.

Australia: Ahearn 8 — Wheatley 7, Crino 9, Blair 8, H. Tredinnick 8 — Partikas 8, Raskopoulos 7 (Hunter 77th), Kay 8, Incantalupo 7 (Lee 45th, 8) — Mitchell 8, Koussas 7.

1982

Oceania qualifying tournament in Papua New Guinea for the 1983 World Youth Cup finals:

Australia 7 Wright 3, Brown 2, Lowe, Incantalupo

FIJI 0

Australia: Hummel — Maier, McCulloch, Vlietstra, Jones — Farina, Fabrizio, Stewart, Incantalupo — Lowe, Brown

Australia 2 (Incantalupo, Lowe) NEW ZEALAND 1

Australia: Hummel — Maier, McCulloch, Vlietstra, Jones — Farina, Salvo, Licata 65th, Stewart, Incantalupo — Lowe, Brown (Wright 32nd).

Australia 2 (Farina, Lowe) PAPUA NEW GUINEA 0

Australia: Hummel — Maier, McCulloch, Vlietstra,

Jones — Farina, Fabrizio, Stewart, Incantalupo — Lowe, Wright.

Oceania final:

Australia 4 (Farina, Lowe, Incantalupo) NEW ZEALAND 3

Australia: Hummel — Farina, McCulloch, Vlietstra, Jones — Farina, Maier, Salvo, Licata — Lowe, Brown.

1983

Qualifying tournament in Costa Rica for the 1983 World Youth Cup finals:

Australia 1 (Brown)

ISRAEL 3 in San Jose

Australia: Hummel — Maier, Vlietstra, McCulloch, Jones — Stewart, Partikas, Licata (Wright 46th) — Farina, Brown, Lowe.

Australia 3 (Partikas, Lowe, Farina) COSTA RICA 0 in San Jose

Australia: Hummel — Maier, Vlietstra, McCulloch, Jones — Stewart, Partikas, Licata (Wright 83rd) — Farina, Brown, Lowe.

Australia 2 (Brown, Lowe) ISRAEL 1 in San Jose

Australia: Hummel — Maier, Vlietstra, McCulloch, Jones — Stewart, Partikas, Licata (Wright 46th) — Farina (sent off 75th), Lowe, Brown.

Australia 3 Lowe 2, Wright) COSTA RICA 0 in San Jose

Australia: Hummel, Maier, Vlietstra, McCulloch, Jones — Stewart, Partikas, Incantalupo — Wright, Lowe, Brown.

World Youth Cup finals in Mexico:

Australia 1 (Farina 74th) MEXICO 1 (Bernal 16th) in Mexico City

Australia: Franken 8 — Maier 5, McCulloch 6, Vlietstra 5, Jones 8 — Farina 5, Partikas 5, Stewart 5 (Dakos 46th, 7), Incantalupo 7 (Licata 59th) — Lowe 6, Brown 5.

Australia 2 (Incantalupo 52nd, Partikas 86th) SCOTLAND 1 (McStay 61st) in Toluca

Australia: Franken 9 — Maier 5, Dakos 7, Vlietstra 5, Rizzotto 7 — Partikas 6, McCulloch 6, Stewart 6 (Farina 46th), Incantalupo 6 (Licata 35th, 6) — Lowe 6, Brown 6.

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Glamorous Croatia!

The return of the Kovacic brothers, Marjan and Alex, combined with the impending transfer of Jim Patikas from Sydney Olympic gives Sydney Croatia that most important of ingredients for success in soccer — drawing power.

The Croatian population is sure to be drawn to Vedran Rozic's exciting band of virtuosos, especially since Rozic himself will line up in defence after the remaining technicalities concerning his



Marjan Kovacic

transfer from Dinamo Zagreb are cleared up. With Rozic as player-coach, and all the players of last season back in harness, Sydney Croatia certainly looks strong enough to challenge the traditional giants, Sydney Olympic and Marconi.



Alex Kovacic

The club continues its efforts to get a transfer for Emil Dragicevic, the exciting former Dinamo Zagreb player who has been in Sydney for more than six months.

Patikas has been training with Croatia and played in the pre-season challenge Cup



Jim Patikas

series. His transfer was expected to be finalised early this week.

Marjan Kovacic, Croatia's key midfielder for many years, was in dispute with the club for the latter part of last season, but their differences have been settled and he should add even

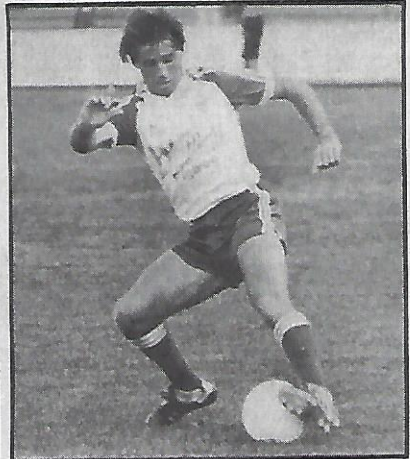
more glamor to this exciting combination.

His brother Alex did not play last year because he was concentrating on his university studies but now that he's back, he'll be pushing Brett Woods for the right-back position.

One of Croatia's main attractions is new Socceroo Wally Savor, who played seven of 12 games on the national team's world tour late last year.

And the club has been trying to secure Steve Gojevic from Melbourne Croatia. Gojevic trained in Sydney under Rozic recently, and has expressed interest in moving north, although Melbourne Croatia won't let him go without a fight.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Star Marconi recruit Peter Tredinnick

Junna quits Lions but Redmond, Wright are back

After an exciting run to the National Conference finals last season, Brisbane Lions are itching to start their 1985 program.

Lions surprised the experts with their entertaining late-season run that saw the young Brisbane side claw its way into fourth position and bow out of the finals series only on penalties to Heidelberg.

The run saw the Brisbane side break its embarrassing record of failing to win in Melbourne for eight years when it scored a knockout semi-final win over Juventus.

Last season was undoubtedly Lions' most exciting year and officials are predicting an even bolder showing this season.

Lions quite simply believe they have the best young side in Australia and believe it is now ready to take on and beat the so-called "southern giants".

But it has been a desperate battle for the Brisbane club to hold together its 1984 team. Heidelberg and Melbourne Croatia were among the several clubs which made lucrative bids for the young Lions.

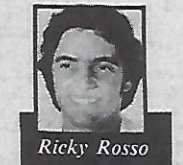
Big stopper Alan Hunter was the subject of a concerted approach by Heidelberg, but with a \$30,000 transfer on his head a quick transfer was not forthcoming. Although, at the time of writing, Hunter had not resigned for Lions, the club was confident of staying off the Melbourne offer, which reportedly included a big sign-on fee, accommodation and employment.

Croatia showed a lot of interest in Lions fullback Steve Jackson, but the former Queensland youth player declined to spend another season in Brisbane where he is finishing his apprenticeship.

While Lions struggled to retain its stars this season, it would not be unrealistic to say that it was the euphoria of success late last year and the hope of a repeat this year that persuaded some to stay. But to retain those players again at the end of this season, Lions must do well again, and more importantly, its players must begin to win national recognition. The belief that it is impossible to play for the Socceros from Queensland prompted many to consider a move south.

The Lions team has an average age of about 21 years and if club officials can keep the side together, the long term future at Richlands would look very rosy.

But if the club has an indi-



Ricky Rosso



Gordon Arrowsmith

ferent season, the floodgates will open and there will be no way Lions will be able to stop players like Hunter, Jackson, Russell Stewart, Roddy Vasquez and others from moving on.

Lions again will be coached by Gordon Arrowsmith, whose heroic efforts in resurrecting the club after Harry Noon resigned earned him the Coach of the Year award from the Queensland branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

Arrowsmith has paid little attention to the open-transfer list because, as one club official said: "We don't want anyone. We are more than happy with our squad of young players. If anyone wants to come to the club we will certainly look at them but there is not need for us to go out looking at players."

Waiting to come into the team is young Socceros squad

member Richard Bassingthwaite and a host of other fine young players like former NSL striker Tom McGregor, back after a spell at Olympic, Paul Burns, another youngster with NSL experience, David Hunter (Alan's brother), Simon Ireland and Mick Tonner.

Lions' only loss this season, assuming the Melbourne bids for Alan Hunter fail, will be Ray Junna, the former Maroon, AIS and Canberra Arrows utility player signed midway through last season. Junna has signed with Brisbane City in a low four-figure move.

On the positive side, Lions will be further strengthened by the return from injury of Phil Redmond and Danny Wright.

Redmond missed most of last season when he required a cruciate ligament operation. Wright similarly played only a small part of last year after he failed to shake off an ankle injury.

But both players reported fit and eager for pre-season training and are keen to force their way into the team.

The only injury worry lingering on its goalkeeper Rob Farrow's wrist, which is still suspect after two breaks in the past 12 months. But Wayne Evans stood in admirably during the finals series and could re-establish himself in the first team this season.

Off the field, the Lions board has remained stable with the only significant change being Paul Templeton replacing Hans Strik as vice-president. But that is not a major upheaval as Templeton was involved with the club in the early years of the NSL and was instrumental in the Bob Latchford and Alan Sunderland guest player stints.

Financially, Lions admit the bank is a little bare. But all debts have been met from last year and all players paid.

"Last year was a tough one financially for us, with crowds well down on our best but we have started this season with a clean slate and we will be working hard to avoid slipping into the red," a club official said.

Bradley, Gray on move

John Bradley transfer listed at \$5,000... Ian

Peter Tredinnick on the move... and Terry Butler still negotiating over terms for a new contract.

Things aren't exactly rosy at APIA, but try telling that to coach Fil Bottalico.

"We finished equal third with Marconi last year and we'll do even better this year," is his optimistic prediction.

"We've retained the bulk of last year's squad, guys like Arno Bertogna, Mark Pullen, Mark Brown, Kerry Caban and Tony Morsello and we're moving back to Lambert Park which should bring back the fans."

Maybe its youngsters like Tony Genovese, Ali Reda, Carlo Sbrina, Gary van Egmond and Vince Colaguri who instil confidence in Bottalico, for they all should figure prominently in the first team this season.

Genovese and Reda are strikers. Reda is a former Australian junior national captain. Sbrina is a defender.

Colaguri is in Italy, training with Palermo, while Van Egmond is training with a Dutch First Division team. Bottalico expects them back "once they get tired of training over there" and he expects APIA to benefit greatly from the duo's experiences overseas.

APIA could move into the transfer market this week but although Bottalico is talking to a player in England, one in Sydney and another interstate, he refuses to name them.

And negotiations between APIA and Marconi for the release of full back Vic Bozanic are continuing. Bozanic played on loan with APIA last year.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Tredinnick a prize catch for Marconi

Peter Tredinnick will be Marconi's star recruit of 1985.

Tredinnick has a maximum \$10,000 transfer fee in his contract with APIA, but as we went to Press, Marconi was trying to arrange an exchange with Vic Bozanic.

Bozanic, that forceful goalscoring full back who has been so unlucky not to be included in the Socceros squad, was on loan from Marconi to APIA last season, and will be transferred to APIA permanently one way or another.

Tredinnick, whose brother Howard plays for Melita Eagles, has played seven games, including three full internationals, for the senior Socceros, and 10 for the Australian youth team.

He played for Newcastle KB United before joining APIA, where he established himself as one of Australia's nippest and most hard-working midfielders.

Marconi's Rene Licata, meanwhile, has been training with APIA and is expected to transfer there.

Marconi may also have lost Bertie Mariani, who was hoping to go to university in the US. He was in Europe over Christmas, visiting former team mate Eddie Krncevic, now with Bruges Cercle in Belgium.

Jovan Djordjevic, meanwhile, has retired because his cartilage and cruciate ligament

injuries have failed to respond adequately to treatment.

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug says the club has stopped paying its players signing-on fees, but has increased their win bonuses, making it possible for them to earn the same as last year providing they win enough games.

Marconi started training on January 3 — although Tommy McCulloch was given more time off to recover from the Socceros' world tour — and in practice matches, drew 1-1 with Canterbury-Marrieville and beat its own youth team 5-1.

The only Marconi youth player who so far has been promoted to the senior squad, is Martin Driene who as in the NSW team that won the 1984 Australian secondary schools championship by beating Queensland 2-0 in the final. Driene scored one of the goals.

He started his career with Liverpool Robins in the under 8s before going to Morebank. He was selected to the Australian Schoolboys side after the secondary schools championships last year.

Looking to the 1985 National League championship, Scheinflug tipped Marconi to be among the leaders, along with Sydney Croatia, Sydney Olympic, Sydney Hakoah and St. George Budapest.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Knight to NSL

Steve Knight from Auburn's only new signing as we went to press but the club was negotiating with APIA for John Bradley and was rumored to be interested in transfer-listed Sydney Olympic star Marshall Soper.

Knight, voted under-21 Player of the Year in NSW last year by that State's branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association, was snapped up by Blacktown on a free transfer.

Bradley is proving a much tougher proposition to sign. APIA wants \$25,000 for the talented midfielder or striker and Blacktown thinks that about half that amount is a far more realistic figure. There's also \$25,000 on Soper's head and Blacktown will have to outbid St George if it hopes to sign him.

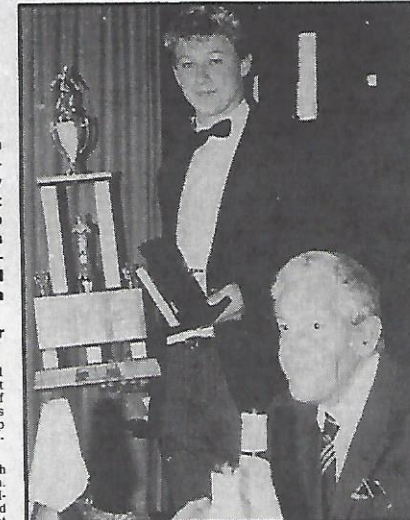
But Blacktown coach Casey de Bruin can take heart from the comments made by the club's secretary-manager Peter Thorne.

"We're not going to sell off many players. Rather, we're far more interested in strengthening our squad this year. We're still negotiating with a few of last year's players but I'm confident that we'll retain them," said Thorne.

One who won't be retained is striker Clive Eaton. He played part of last season with Blacktown and at the end of the year, Blacktown decided not to sign Eaton from Kuringgai on a more permanent basis.

Paul Daley from Penrith was expected to join Blacktown as we went to press. Blacktown fullback Robbie Wheatley was transfer-listed at \$12,000 by the club late last year but Wheatley's refusal to sign a new contract was forced upon him by work commitments. He's recently completed his Diploma of Education and is waiting for the NSW Education Department to give him his posting. If he's sent to a school in the country then his days at Blacktown are numbered but if he gets a metropolitan posting, he'll stay at the Gabbie.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Former national coach Joe Vlasis listens as Steve Knight thanks the Press for his NSW Under 21 Player of the Year trophy.

Wolves want Ken Boden

Wollongong was negotiating with Kenny Boden and Bernie Godzik of Sydney Croatia, Paul Kirwan of Blacktown and Domenic Giannone of Marconi as we went to press.

Giannone played on loan with Belmont last season. Wollongong coach Adrian Alston has lost John Fleming and Glen Fontana from last year's squad. Fleming in non-playing coach of NSW First Division club Fairy Meadow United. Fontana is his assistant, but Fairy Meadow is negotiating with Wollongong as Fontana wants to keep playing.

Most of last year's squad have been re-signed but Larry Gaffney is up for transfer as is Peter Beggs. Wollongong wouldn't release the price on Gaffney's head. Beggs is on a free.

Winger Rade Stepanovski, from local club Wollongong United Macedonia, has impressed Alston and looks likely to be a regular in Wollongong's first team squad this year.

Many young players have been tried and have impressed in pre-season friendlies. They include Mineo Bonetti, John Brown, striker Tony Corridini and striker Pat Brodrik.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ringwood Utd v Richmond

Victorian Second Division club Ringwood United will play a practice match against Richmond at Ringwood's ground on February 2. Reserves kick off at 1pm and seniors at 3pm.

Barbecue facilities and refreshments are available. Ringwood coach Ken Kontra has retained his 1984 players but is eager to add a few experienced players to his squad. He can be contacted on 486 1333 (bus) or 725 5392 (home).

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WORTHINGTON MAY GUEST WITH WEST

West Adelaide Hellas could have flamboyant English striker Frank Worthington as its trump card this year.

Hellas goalkeeper Gary Sproul negotiated with Worthington through his former West Ham United colleague Trevor Brooking during a Christmas holiday.

Worthington studied the contract delivered by Sproul and returned it to Hellas with amendments.

Provided Worthington can arrange a release from his Second Division club Brighton, he could become Westland's



Allan Crisp

most celebrated guest player since Graeme Souness.

Controversial Worthington showed he has lost none of his flair and showmanship when he guested for Manchester United in Australia last year.

Big Frank has been there and done that with Leicester, Everton, Bolton, Southampton, Leeds United and

Huddersfield and has the star quality needed to set the turnstiles clicking.

With or without a star guest, the man in the Hellas hot-seat in '85 is former captain Neil McGachey.

A man with the club at heart since he joined it as a teenager, McGachey had a taste of coaching for a brief period in 1978 when he was stop-gap supreme between the departure of John Margaritis and the arrival of Jim Adam.

McGachey's philosophy on coaching is direct. "Now I have the job, the only thing certain is that I will eventually get the sack."

"Until I do, I intend to enjoy every minute of it."

With Rab Jones of Birkalla, Nick Pantelis and Rothmans League coach Peter Koukizos as his back-up men, McGachey is aiming for flexibility and versatility in his playing staff.

So far Hellas has gained Croatia striker Gary Price and beanstalk defender Les Matisesak from Campbelltown City.

Former Azzurri striker and Australian six-a-side representative Alan Scott also is close

to joining Hellas, while 1984 casualties George Konstandopoulos and Steve Atsalas are back in full training.

However, full-back John Papazoglou still has injury problems which could keep him immobile for several more weeks.

On the credit side, captain Graham Honeyman will continue and full-back Ian McGregor will stay until his employment takes him into the country areas.



Frank Worthington (right) guesting for Manchester United during last year's World Series in Australia, is being closely marked by Des Walker of Nottingham Forest. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

PENRITH TO RAKE IN THE CASH

Penrith is set to announce, within a fortnight, the biggest sponsorship deal yet signed by an Australian club.

Penrith so far is keeping tight-lipped about the deal which is believed to involve a substantial sum which will secure the club's financial future over the next five years.

Most of last year's squad has been retained with the exception of striker Roy Cotton, who returned to his old club St George, and defender Paul Daley, who is set to join Blacktown.

Former Newcastle KB import, Jim Hamilton, is negotiating with Penrith coach Willie Wallace. Hamilton is playing with Scottish club Queen of the South.

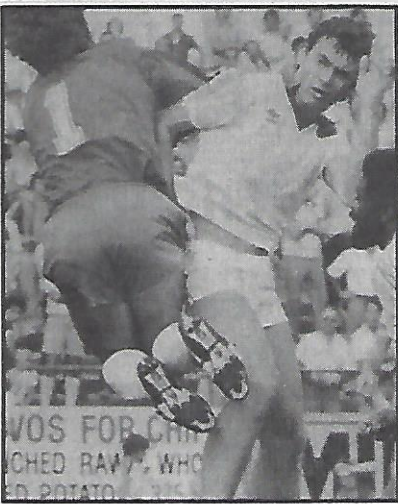
Ian Witherspoon and Brian Jackson are expected back from the U.K. shortly.

Youngster Randall Easthorpe, Michael Toohey and Jim Shute have impressed coach Wallace this year and look like being regulars in the first team squad. All are locals. Easthorpe and Shute are forwards. Toohey is a defender.

"We not only want to consolidate this season, we also want to improve on last year's 7th place finish," said Wallace.

"With the new sponsorship deal soon to be announced all the club's money problems have been erased. Now we can get down to the job of making Penrith a force in the National League."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Adrian Santrac, then with WA-Hellas, challenges goalkeeper Peter Laumets.

Adelaide City Juventus will call on the stability of reappointed coach Edmund Krefit and some astute pre-season signings to boost its 1985 stocks.

Krefit started his planning before he had been officially reappointed by grabbing 1981 Rothmans Medallist Adrian Santrac from Beograd back in November.

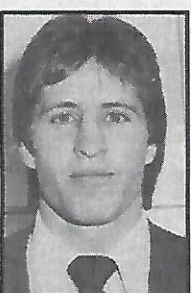
Assessed on trial match form, Santrac looks set to make an impact in the Juventus midfield alongside 1984 NSL Player of the Year, Sergio Melia.

Santrac was less than successful in his previous NSL stint with West Adelaide Hellas, but he was then fielded mainly as a striker, not in his natural midfield role.

With Willie McNally likely to resign, Krefit, at Press time, was negotiating with brilliant young Azzurri goalkeeper David Miller.

Krefit also has had talks with APFA goalkeeper Robbie Parks, who plans to return to Adelaide.

Parks played for SA Roth-



Brian Northcote

mans League club Cumberland United before he joined Apia four years ago.

Another of the Miller clan, Colin, a younger brother of David, has joined Juventus from northern club Para Hills.

Another on Krefit's wanted list are Mike (Scotty) Donnelly from Azzurri and Fortu Costanzo from Salisbury United.

With full-back Paul Shillabeer likely to join Azzurri, Donnelly could win a permanent NSL berth in the back four.

Donnelly and striker Costanzo have been impressive in Ampol Cup trial matches, but Krefit is quick to point out that some of his new men will be needed to bolster the State League team.

Apart from the probable loss of Shillabeer, Juventus also is likely to transfer striker Pat DeVito and defender Robbie Albertson to Azzurri in a swap deal for David Miller.

Juventus will be more frugal with its guest player strategy this season than last when it brought out Nello Scarpa, Tommaso Talarico and Graziano Tavoni from Italy.

But club president Charlie Caruso has not discounted the possibility of inviting Scarpa to return this year.

While negotiations for new signings continue, Juventus received an unexpected bonus with the return to the training track of former ironman midfielder Brian Northcote.

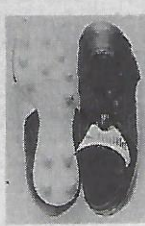
Northcote retired in April 1983 after a series of operations failed to correct a groin injury.

But, the former Granville player has answered all of Krefit's pre-season training demands and is ready for a stunning comeback.

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Oceania FIFA's rubbish bin; press banned, wives and defectors too

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So now we have "Chinese Taipei." Is there any other, perhaps a Belgian and a Sudanese Taipei, too?

It's like referring to Swiss Zurich or Brazilian Rio.

Without changing Israel's name at all, FIFA

also put that country into our group.

Oceania has been the dumping ground for political pariahs for a long time now. Over the years we have been paired or grouped with North Korea, Rhodesia, Taiwan and Israel several times when countries in their regions refused to accommodate them.

Still, it's a trifle bizarre how Israel ends up in Oceania, instead of in neighbouring Europe.

Unless, of course, you accept the teaching of the Mormon church which talks about a lost tribe of Israel that crossed the Pacific and settled in the Americas some 600 BC...

We hear that pressmen

will in future be banned from staying in the same hotels as the touring Socceroos.

This will safeguard players and officials from the constant snooping of reporters looking for "stories."

Almost all national teams around the world keep their distance from the accompanying press; it's safer and better that way.

But it's also a great deal better for the journalists.

Staying too close to the team either makes them hush up things that should be reported — or blow up small incidents that should not even be known to them.

We also hear that the ASF may not allow the wives of officials to travel with the team in the future.

Late last year the team manager, physician, tour leader and coach all took their wives on the world tour — at their own expense.

Well, I guess, on a tour of this kind it doesn't matter much whether some of the hubbies are slightly distracted or not.

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



But World Cup missions are different, anything but social occasions.

Clearly, the danger is that one day the players, too, will demand that their wives, girlfriends or defectors be allowed to tour with them.

And how can they be refused if their officials enjoy such privileges?

I don't claim to be a cricket expert though I do enjoy watching the game for certain periods.

The West Indians absolutely fascinate me. They seem to be cricket what the Brazilians are to soccer.

There's hardly an orthodox shot, catch or delivery in their

repertoire: Viv Richards bats the same way Socrates or Zico shoot at goal.

Which makes me wonder how much more enjoyable cricket would be if countries like Brazil, France, Peru, Yugoslavia, Germany and others could be induced to play it.

Alas, this is unlikely. Cricket, in the form the English, Australians and other Anglo-Saxons play it, doesn't appeal to "foreigners" unless they had learned the game while in the Empire and the Commonwealth.

Almost everybody who's somebody now plays in Italy. Never before has a

country, either Spain or Italy, the two main importers, managed to lure such an incredible concentration of talent to its clubs.

A random sampling: Falcao, Socrates, Zico, Junior, Cerezo, Juarez and Edinho from Brazil; Rummenigge and Briegel from West Germany; Maradona, Passarella, Bertoni and Diaz from Argentina; Watkins, Hoteley, Sauness and Francis from Britain; Brady from Eire; Platini from France; Boniek from Poland... and then a host of lesser Gods from Denmark, Holland, Austria and other places.

You could say that the Brazilian Eder, the English Robson and the German Schuster are the only truly world-class players appearing outside Italy.

Ah, talking of Zico: I trust the ASF is aware of the fact that Zico is likely to leave his Italian club, Udinese and return to Flamengo in May.

It would be a shame to bring Udinese here in June on a tour without its star attraction.

Rumors have it that

Sydney Olympic is "broke." But rumors have been circulating about its impending doom for the past 25 years and the club is still there.

Olympic, like governments, cannot go broke. There are always enough fiery and passionate Greeks to pull it through.

It's nothing new that pre-season gossip goes close to vivisectioning several of the clubs.

APLA-Leichhardt and Penrith have been having financial problems and worries; but probably there isn't a club in the NSL which is awash with dollars.

Penrith, they say, has been rescued through some extraordinary manoeuvres, involving a State Minister, a local council and a Rugby League club in a complicated \$1 million-plus ledger shuffling.

APLA has cut out all signing-on fees and one can only wish the club success. If it survives without losing its star players, maybe the other clubs will be game enough to follow.

Australian soccer, under the present conditions, cannot afford continued financial mismanagement.

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IT'S enough to make a grown man cry! Will soccer's negativism and pathological bent for self-flagellation never end?

I mean we (that is those of us who accompanied the national squad to China and Europe) and thought the Socceroos did pretty well on that tour.

But here we are, back in home sweet home to greetings of bitter criticism and cynical shoulder-shrugging by those who believe, earnestly, that they want "the best for the game."

The result sheet obviously wasn't impressive enough.

All those losses. Pheew! Boy, oh boy! Eight defeats in 12 games. Aussies slaughtered again. Disgraced. Let's hang our head in shame. Even the Chinese beat us. How in hell are we going to face the Rugby League and Aussie Rules brigade now? Boo-hoo, boo-hoo!

What pitiful. What pathetic paranoia. What a pitiful, grovelling display yet again of soccer's inferiority complexes.

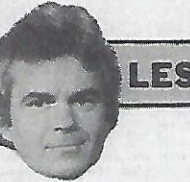
Anybody would think the Aussies, far from having just returned from a tour of games against some of the toughest in Europe, had just been bundled out of the World Cup by Lower Volta.

Well, let's just have a look at those losses, seeing losses on a World Cup fact-finding tour are so important to the more insecure among us.

Out of those eight losses, five were by the margin of one goal, the other three by two — hardly a slaughter in sight, much less the old debacle Aussie tourists have become used to (such as the wallowing they got at the hands of Dinamo Zagreb in 1980).

Three of the six losses were to teams which are or recently have been involved in the elite European tournaments, all of whom could reasonably expect a two-goal margin victory in a home European Cup leg against any opposition.

Glasgow Rangers, to whom Australia lost 2-1, had for instance already beaten Inter Milan 3-1 at home in the UEFA Cup.



LES MURRAY

Yet the result was no heart-break for Inter, which advanced past Rangers and eventually into the quarter finals.

In the same tournament Vorwärts of East Germany was humbled 3-0 by PSV Eindhoven on the ground where the Aussies lost 2-0 with two goals in the last three minutes.

If it hadn't been for Aussie exhaustion and naivete near the end, the score would have been 0-0, which is all Manchester United could muster at the same ground in the UEFA Cup.

Nottingham Forest, too, had been held by former European Cup finalist FC Bruges to 0-0, precisely the outcome the Aussies achieved at the City Ground.

Of the others to whom Australia lost, Arsenal (2-3) could well have been beaten and very nearly was — despite and presence of Messrs Anderson, Sansom, Talbot, Nicholas, Mariner and Woodcock.

And Udinese, to which the Aussies lost 2-0, had also done some fine things at home, such as beating Graeme Souness' Sampdoria in the league as well as serving out a 5-0 lashing to Lazio.

Of the European losses that leaves Aston Villa, against which the Aussies were clearly and singularly disappointing, and Tottenham Hotspur's second 11 which beat Australia 2-1 despite no real territorial domination.

Of course the ready-made argument against all this is that these were merely friendlies, the Europeans weren't really trying and that results don't really matter.

Oh, don't they? Or are we going to have it both ways?

Either they matter, in which case the Aussies didn't do badly at all, or they don't, in

which case let's look at the Aussie performances in the light of what the tour was meant to achieve: to find out how the Aussie squad would stand up against top professional opposition away from home.

Another assumption, made by those who stayed at home and saw nothing but for the highlights on television, is that the Europeans did not field strong teams.

Those making that assumption ought to check the recent European team sheets, or all opponents, save Tottenham, fielded their strongest sides.

As for the schoolboy theory that the Europeans didn't go flat out, that too is absurd.

European teams might be accused of strolling when they're touring Australia, when some of the players and officials are tempted to treat games as summertime exhibitions.

But not at home, not dead in the middle of their season, not when the competition for first team places among their players is enormous. They all looked pretty flat out to me.

Of course Australia also lost two matches in China. "What about those then, eh?" the critics might ask, gleefully rubbing hands, believing that defeats in Asia are clearly inexcusable.

Well let us, for a start, not underestimate the power and potential of China, the world's most populous nation whose current cultural counter-revolution includes an ambitious, State-inspired thrust to match the world at all levels of sport.

Anybody who believes the Chinese aren't at least on par with us as a soccer nation is a fool and to lose 2-2 to their national team in a prestigious, diplomatically designed fixture, on the first outing of such a tour, is hardly inexcusable.

Nevertheless there could have

been few excuses for the 2-1 loss in Canton, a surprise and disappointment at a time when the Aussies had two wins on the trot behind them, and despite the fact that the Cantonese were Chinese Cup holders and one of their leading lights in the league.

But surely a team can be expected to disappoint twice on a 12-match tour which is what the Aussies did against Canton and against Aston Villa.

But that was all and in every other game the Australian performance had been above expectations, certainly when one makes historical comparisons with performances in the past and if one wants to be generous enough to consider circumstantial hurdles such as the strength of the opposition, the grueling nature of the tour etc.

This is not to say the journey was a faultless masterpiece of sporting toils, nor to whitewash it of its imperfections, for clearly it had plenty of those.

The uncertainty of the itinerar midstream was at best infuriating and the lessons are that such ambitious tours — where a Third World national team with no real crowd-pulling power in Europe plays the most elite teams — should be organised a lot earlier.

Even more infuriating was the ultimate snub delivered by Tottenham Hotspur which switched the game from White Hart Lane to its training ground and proceeded to field its reserve team.

After the Italians at Udine treated the Socceroos in the stylish and impeccable manner national teams should be treated, it was a snub indeed and, frankly, Tottenham should have been told to shove it!

But these were matters of soccer's image, and had nothing to do with the technical accomplishments or otherwise of the national team.

Which brings me back to soccer's inherent paranoia and the way it insists on trying to win two battles: one on the field and one off it in quest of pleasing and impressing those who view the game with prejudice, suspicion and with a deep fear of its flabbiest might.

That second battle, in this country, probably unwinnable and I for one have stopped fighting it.

All the tour results

v CHINA, 2-3, Nov. 3.

Goals: Kosmina 2. Team: Greedy (S. O'Connor), Yankos, Ratcliffe (Raskopoulos), S. O'Connor, Jennings — Watson, Murphy, P. O'Connor — Soper (Farina), Kosmina.

v Beijing 3-2, Nov. 5. Goals: Crino 2, Egan.

Franken — Gray, Robertson, M. O'Shea, J. O'Shea — Savor, Crino, Raskopoulos, McCulloch — Egan, Farina.

v Shanghai, 2-0, Nov. 7. Goals: Ratcliffe 2, Egan.

Pezzano — Gray, Yankos, Ratcliffe, Jennings — Raskopoulos (Crino), Watson, Murphy — Farina (P. O'Connor), Kosmina, Egan.

v Canton 1-2, Nov. 10. Goal: Crino.

Greedy — M. O'Shea, Robertson, S. O'Connor (Ratcliffe), J. O'Shea — Savor (Murphy), McCulloch, Crino — Soper (Farina), Kosmina, P. O'Connor (Egan).

v Manchester City 3-1. Goals: Gray, Kosmina pen, Egan.

Greedy — Gray, Yankos, Ratcliffe, S. O'Connor, Jennings (J. O'Shea) — Watson, Murphy, Raskopoulos (Crino) — Kosmina (Farina), Soper (Egan).

v Notts Forest 0-0, Nov. 18. Goals: Gray, Kosmina pen, Egan.

Greedy — Gray, Yankos, Ratcliffe, S. O'Connor, Jennings — Watson, Raskopoulos, Murphy — Soper (Crino), Kosmina, Egan (P. O'Connor, rep. by Farina).

v Rangers 1-2, Nov. 20. Scorers: Egan.

Greedy — Gray (J. O'Shea), Robertson, Ratcliffe, S. O'Connor, Jennings — Watson, Murphy, Crino (McCulloch) — Egan (Farina), Kosmina (Soper).

v PSV Eindhoven 0-2, Nov. 21.

Pezzano — M. O'Shea, Yankos, Ratcliffe (S. O'Connor), J. O'Shea — Savor, McCulloch, Raskopoulos (Crino) — Farina, Soper, P. O'Connor (Egan).

v Aston Villa 0-2, Nov. 25. Goals: Gray, Kosmina pen, Egan.

Greedy — Jennings (Gray), Yankos (Robertson), Ratcliffe, S. O'Connor (J. O'Shea), Murphy (Crino) — Watson (Savor), McCulloch — Farina, Kosmina, Soper (Egan).

v Arsenal 2-3, Nov. 27. Goals: White 0-8, Soper.

Greedy — Robertson, Ratcliffe, S. O'Connor (Gray), Jennings — Murphy, Crino, McCulloch — Kosmina, Soper.

v Udinese 0-2, Nov. 29. Goals: Gray (J. O'Shea), Robertson, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Jennings — Savor, Murphy (Crino), Watson (McCulloch) — P. O'Connor (Soper), Farina (Kosmina).

v Tottenham Hotspur 1-2, Dec. 3. Goal: McCulloch.

Franken — Ratcliffe (J. O'Shea), Yankos (Robertson), S. O'Connor (Gray), Jennings (M. O'Shea) — McCulloch, Watson (Savor), Murphy (P. O'Connor), Crino — Egan (Farina), Kosmina (Soper).

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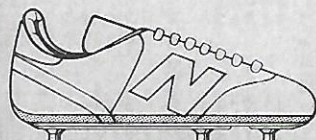
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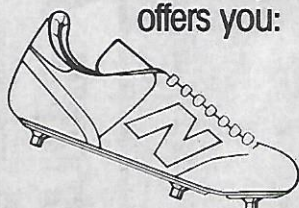
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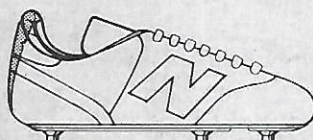
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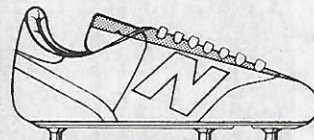
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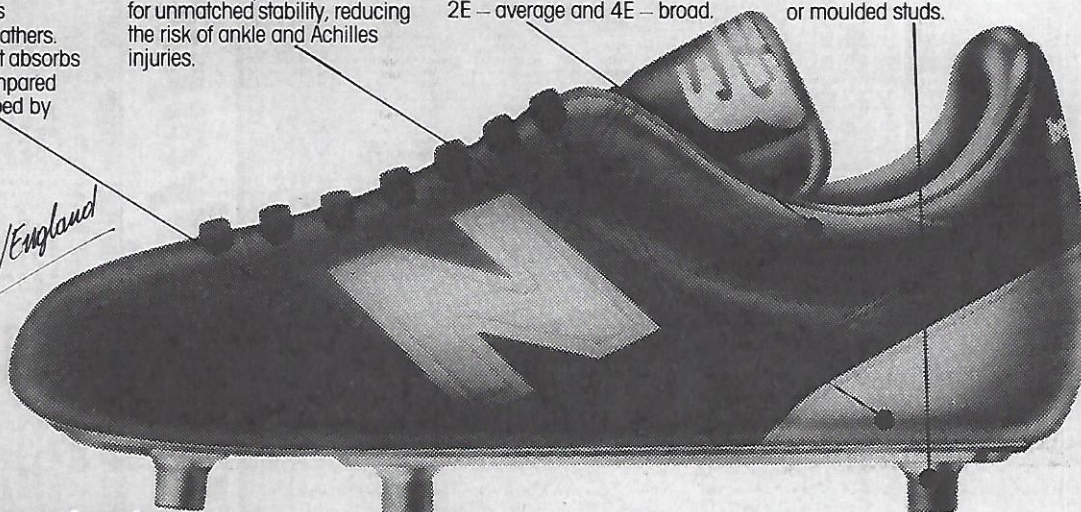
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- ROUND 5: 6-7 April**
- 1. Footscray v Syd City
 - 2. Heidelberg v Inter-Monaro
 - 3. Sunshine G.C. v Penrith
 - 4. Addi City v Syd Olympic
 - 5. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 6. BU-Juventus v Newcastle R.U.

- ROUND 6: 13-14 April**
- 1. West Adelaide v Penrith
 - 2. Brisbane Lions v Inter-Monaro
 - 3. Addi City v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Newcastle R.U.
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Addi City
 - 6. BU-Juventus v Syd City

- ROUND 7: 20-21 April**
- 1. BU-Juventus v St. George
 - 2. Brisbane Lions v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Addi City v Sydney Olympic
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Penrith
 - 6. West Adelaide v Inter-Monaro

- ROUND 8: 27-28 April**
- 1. Addi City v Brisbane Lions
 - 2. Sunshine G.C. v St. George
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Newcastle R.U.
 - 4. Marconi v Penrith
 - 5. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 6. West Adelaide v Inter-Monaro

- ROUND 9: 4-5 May**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 10: 11-12 May**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 11: 18-19 May**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 12: 25-26 May**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 13: 1-2 June**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 14: 8-9 June**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 15: 15-16 June**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
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- ROUND 16: 22-23 June**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
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- ROUND 17: 29-30 June**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
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- ROUND 18: 6-7 July**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
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- ROUND 19: 13-14 July**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
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- ROUND 20: 20-21 July**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
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- ROUND 21: 27-28 July**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
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- ROUND 22: 3-4 August**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
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 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 23: 10-11 August**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 24: 17-18 August**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 25: 24-25 August**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 26: 31 August - 1 September**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 27: 8-9 September**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 28: 15-16 September**
- 1. Brisbane Lions v Sydney Olympic
 - 2. Addi City v Newcastle R.U.
 - 3. Brisbane Lions v Marconi
 - 4. Brisbane Lions v Penrith
 - 5. Sunshine G.C. v Inter-Monaro
 - 6. West Adelaide v Sydney City

- ROUND 29: 22-23 September**
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Eight new players at Croydon; Mila back?

State League round-up
by CRAIG MACKENZIE

Croydon expected to finalise Dave Brogan's transfer from Melbourne Croatia as we went to press and still was negotiating with Frankston Pines for the release of defender Steve Beech.

If Brogan and Beech join Croydon, it will be player-coach Peter Ollerton's eighth new signing this year! Jim Tansey and Kenny Taylor joined from Footscray J.U.S.T. for \$4,500. Ollerton got a free from Preston Macedonia. Billy Whiteside was freed from Morwell Falcons; Jim O'Reilly joined from Sunshine-George Cross in a \$1,000 cash and swap deal which saw Lou Kastner joining 'Cross, and last week midfielder Matt McDonald joined from Doveton in a cash and swap deal involving winger Peter Killey.

Mike Rainey has been transferred to his own request, Steve Irvine could join Hamlyn Rangers; North Dandenong is interested in Dave Griffith; Eddie Ormond might join Northcote; and Lucie Sais is on the list.

There's been less feverish wheeling and dealing at Polonia but new coach Eddie Read could get great news later this week for his club is waiting for Stefan Mila to reply to a telegram sent last week to Poland inviting him to return. If Mila refused the invite, Polonia probably will sign a new player for Poland.

Despite losing coach John Gardiner and strikers Carl Gilder and Noel Mitten to Sunshine-George Cross, Polonia should have a really strong squad this year. Greg Warzawski has been signed from Ringwood Wilhelmnia; Leszek Dzielakowski is back in goal and Polish import Leszek Grogczuk who joined last year, and Peter Czupnik are in great touch. And midfielder Savas Sagiham rejoined Polonia last Friday on a free from Brunswick Juventus.

George Petrov's move to Preston Macedonia has been stalled due to his knee injury. Kevin Innes is nearing peak fitness again after a long injury lay-off. Darko Kolaric and Joe Vanya are making strong bids for first team spots, while Polonia still waits for stopper Danny McCuskey to appear at training.

Fawcner seems certain to lose midfielder Ged Bannon and striker Neil Garvey to newly promoted Springvale City. Guy Bakker has joined Knox for \$500 and Harry McKinlay is listed at \$2,000 and Gary Hobson at \$5,000. So far, the only likely newcomer to coach Gus Macleod's first team squad is defender Joe Vizzini from Broadmeadows.

Goalkeeper Rob Terzini is sidelined with shoulder ligament trouble and striker Joe Palinkas still is talking terms with Fawcner. Striker Bruno Cozzella has retired due to business commitments, but coach Macleod still thinks there's a chance Cozzella might return.

Don't be surprised to hear that star Box Hill defender Ian Rodhouse is joining a Scottish Premier League club. Rodhouse is in England trialling

with Crystal Palace but he's also going to trial with Aberdeen and Dundee. His loss could be the second major blow felt by the Hillmen this year for striker Steve Smith is on Preston Macedonia's shopping list. And striker Paul Priestley has joined Doveton.

However, midfielder Chris Taylor, a Welsh youth international and an ex-Wrexham and Tranmere Rovers player, is expected shortly. Once approval of his visa comes through, he'll be flying to Australia.

Box Hill failed in attempts to sign Rob Nelson from North Dandenong and Bill Lazopoulos from Western Suburbs. Nelson decided to join Frankston Pines while Lazopoulos, who trained with the Hillmen two years ago while still on the books of Metro League Hawthorn, seems set to join Footscray J.U.S.T.

Dave Brooks and Dean Hennessy return from the U.K. in February and Brian Keenan's future at Wembley Park is undecided. Morwell showed interest in the winger who presently is injured.

Whiteside and Gerry Clarke are Morwell's main losses from last year's State League championship side. Clarke has returned to Northern Ireland.

But good news from coach Jimmy Dunne is that 1984 Victorian Rothmans Medal winner, midfielder Jim MacLean, signed a new contract with Falcons last week.

Falcons are rumored to be interested in signing transfer listed Melbourne Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blasby, while winger Chris Kent is the only first team squad member up for transfer so far. He's listed at \$3,000.

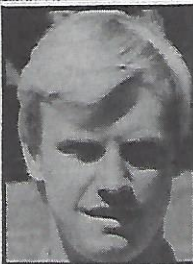
Springvale City has signed goalkeeper Gary Clayton from Brunswick Juventus, Jim Nelson from Doveton, and has agreed to swap midfielder Mike Melvor for Frankston Pines player Paul Luca.

Springvale coach Ian Greener is talking to midfielders at two rival State League clubs and a Melbourne-based NSL club. Only one of these players will be signed.

Dave Hoyland and Robin Settle are in the U.K., Aki Kotzamicchalis has joined Melbourne Croatia, and Peter Moore has retired, however Moore will assist Greener with goalkeeper training.

Central defender Andy Smale has been Thomastown coach Joe Wilson's sole new signing so far, but Thomastown hopes to successfully conclude negotiations with Bullen for the signature of midfielder Victor Tavoraro.

Branko Culic hasn't come to terms with St Albans Dinamo over a new contract, however club officials are hopeful that agreement will be reached.



Gary Hobson

Hobson available

Gary Hobson has been transfer listed by Fawcner for \$5,000.

Hobson, one of the best defenders in the Victorian State League, had his first taste of senior soccer in Australia with Doncaster Rovers eight years ago. The 23-year-old joined Croydon two years later and made his senior debut there at 17. He returned to England while still a teenager and played with Reading for six months.

Hobson can be contacted at work on 781 3599 or at home on 725 3685.



Cedo Cirkovic

Stojilovic, Petrov shine, Kastner back

Footscray JUST 1 S. Geo Cross 1

Milan Stojilovic from Springvale United, and left back Emil Petrov who's back after a year in the lower leagues with Red Star, have come up trumps for Footscray J.U.S.T., while striker Carl Gilder seems to have found a new lease of life with Sunshine-George Cross.

Gilder spent half of last season on loan to Polonia, where he regained his confidence by scoring goals. That confidence is with him still, nurtured by George Cross's new coach John Gardiner who was Gilder's coach at Polonia as well.

Gardiner's old George Cross team mate Lou Kastner has returned to the club to man the goal, after stints with Keilor-Austria, Macedonia and Croydon since leaving a few years ago.

Noel Mitten, who's had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus - Hellas, Albion Rover, Frankston, Croatia, Morwell Falcons, Polonia - also followed Gardiner to George Cross, and the club last Friday introduced its latest recruit, Ivan Istak, the former Croatia and St Albans player bought from Chelsea.

Haggling over J.U.S.T.'s star player Gary McDowell continued as we went to Press, with Hellas having offered \$15,000 cash and Juventus \$20,000 in instalments. J.U.S.T. didn't want to accept instalments, and was trying to get Hellas to increase its offer, which included goalkeeper Mark Turudia as an exchange player.

McDowell, who joined J.U.S.T. from Hamilton Academicals in 1983, decided at first to join Juventus, but then switched his preference to Hellas. The big defender or midfielder turned out for J.U.S.T. against George Cross last Friday and promptly scored with a deflected shot after Petrov had crossed the ball from the left. Ossie Latif equalised only two minutes later with a shot that bounced in off both goalposts.

McDowell, who has attracted the attention of national coach Frank Arok, says he wants a transfer because he feels he has a better chance of winning a championship elsewhere.

J.U.S.T. also will lose its brilliant goalkeeper Dennis Boland - he's been even more brilliant than usual in the Buffs - up - after the series. The club agreed to give him a free transfer in lieu of money it owes him.

Turudia would be his replacement, as J.U.S.T. failed in negotiations for George Martin of Juventus.

Also on the debit side is J.U.S.T.'s hassles over club president Zika Karic, who has disappeared mysteriously. The club called an emergency directors' meeting to establish a stop-gap leadership until an extraordinary general meeting elects a new president in about a week's time.

Petrov at left back has been playing with tremendous force and enthusiasm, and coach Cedo Cirkovic has been trying out two youth team players, centre back Radovan Barjakarevic and right back Milan Durdevic.

However, senior player Suleiman Curovic has had a disagreement with Cirkovic, and appears to be after a transfer.

Of last year's squad, J.U.S.T. has lost Jim Tansey who's gone to Croydon, captain Igor Hazabent who's retired because of work pressures, Brian O'Donnell who's back in Sydney looking for a club, Jamie Paton who hasn't been seen since being married recently and Ken Taylor who also has gone to Croydon after spending much of last season on the sidelines.

It looks like Graham Tutill also will be sold.

One of the replacements is young forward Ernie Tapal, a Victorian youth representative who joined from Melbourne-Hungaria.

Former J.U.S.T. midfielder star Joe Picicane who later played with Marconi and Royal Richmond, also may rejoin his club.

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lowed Gardiner to George Cross, and the club last Friday introduced its latest recruit, Ivan Istak, the former Croatia and St Albans player bought from Chelsea.

Haggling over J.U.S.T.'s star player Gary McDowell continued as we went to Press, with Hellas having offered \$15,000 cash and Juventus \$20,000 in instalments.

J.U.S.T. didn't want to accept instalments, and was trying to get Hellas to increase its offer, which included goalkeeper Mark Turudia as an exchange player.

McDowell, who joined J.U.S.T. from Hamilton Academicals in 1983, decided at first to join Juventus, but then switched his preference to Hellas. The big defender or midfielder turned out for J.U.S.T. against George Cross last Friday and promptly scored with a deflected shot after Petrov had crossed the ball from the left. Ossie Latif equalised only two minutes later with a shot that bounced in off both goalposts.

McDowell, who has attracted the attention of national coach Frank Arok, says he wants a transfer because he feels he has a better chance of winning a championship elsewhere.

J.U.S.T. also will lose its brilliant goalkeeper Dennis Boland - he's been even more brilliant than usual in the Buffs - up - after the series. The club agreed to give him a free transfer in lieu of money it owes him.

Turudia would be his replacement, as J.U.S.T. failed in negotiations for George Martin of Juventus.

Also on the debit side is J.U.S.T.'s hassles over club president Zika Karic, who has disappeared mysteriously. The club called an emergency directors' meeting to establish a stop-gap leadership until an extraordinary general meeting elects a new president in about a week's time.

Petrov at left back has been playing with tremendous force and enthusiasm, and coach Cedo Cirkovic has been trying out two youth team players, centre back Radovan Barjakarevic and right back Milan Durdevic.

However, senior player Suleiman Curovic has had a disagreement with Cirkovic, and appears to be after a transfer.

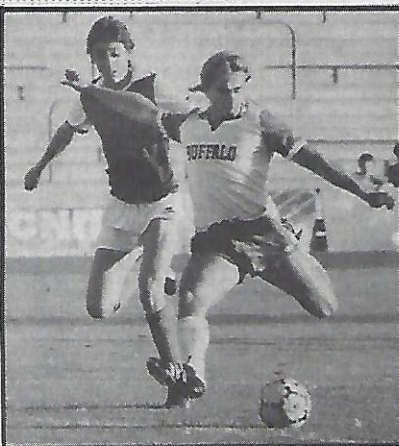
Of last year's squad, J.U.S.T. has lost Jim Tansey who's gone to Croydon, captain Igor Hazabent who's retired because of work pressures, Brian O'Donnell who's back in Sydney looking for a club, Jamie Paton who hasn't been seen since being married recently and Ken Taylor who also has gone to Croydon after spending much of last season on the sidelines.

It looks like Graham Tutill also will be sold.

One of the replacements is young forward Ernie Tapal, a Victorian youth representative who joined from Melbourne-Hungaria.

Former J.U.S.T. midfielder star Joe Picicane who later played with Marconi and Royal Richmond, also may rejoin his club.

Meanwhile, Gardiner, 37,



Sunshine-George Cross striker Ossie Latif prepares to let fly at goal, after breaking clear of Footscray J.U.S.T. defender Radovan Barjakarevic.

has come to George Cross as the savior expected to lift the club closer to its former glory, after it finished last in 1984.

Gardiner, an ASF staff coach for the past four years, won the Victorian Rothmans Medal in 1971 and 1972. He was playing with Polonia last year and Hamlyn Rangers in 1983 and he started the Buffalo Gold Cup as sweeper for George Cross, but he'd rather play in a lower league while coaching in the NSL, so he's keen to hear offers.

He had a brief spell with Hellas in 1977, and was with Green Gully as assistant coach

to Bobby McLachlan for two years.

George Cross seems to have lost former Canberra midfielder Don MacLaren who hasn't been sighted yet, but the team has shown decided improvement in its two games under Gardiner - although the first, against Heidelberg, was better than the second, against J.U.S.T.

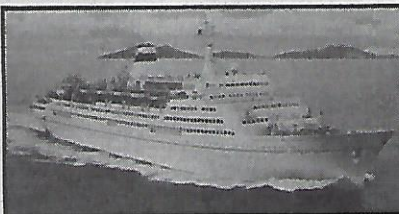
Roger Bain was back for the latter match, and the team has been boosted by the return of stopper Steve Richardson who missed much of last season due to injury.

LAURIE SCHWAB

Cirkovic in business

Footscray J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic has opened a new sports store in Richmond.

Called "Sports Extra", it is located at 66 Bridge Road and the phone number is 429 3079.



Soviet liner Mikhail Lermontov

KNOX TAKES ON SOVIETS

Senior professional players in the crew of Soviet ocean liner Mikhail Lermontov will play against Victorian State League club Knox City at Egan Lee Reserve, Knoxfield, on 16 February at 2 pm.

The game will be staged during the under 14 All-Nations Cup being run by Knox City.

Arok eyes new men

From page one

ones, Arok said, adding however that this applied to many others as well.

Stopper David Ratcliffe had some outstanding matches, but Arok rightly pointed out that it was easier to stand out in defence.

Terry Greedy of St George remains the No 1 goalkeeper due to his experience.

We suggested that Tony Franken of Canberra had equal ability, to which Arok replied: "It's Greedy who has the experience, and in the last line, that it all-important. You have to know exactly what you're doing when they're coming at you from all angles, and that's where the experience is irreplaceable."

Frank Farina, now of

Sydney Hakoah, had more international matches in 1984 than league games. Asked how Farina had stood up to the rigorous schedule, Arok said: "It was disappointing he did not score, but he definitely has much to offer because he is so fast, and so hungry."

Arok was pleased with the way the players handled the challenge of four matches against illustrious opposition, and is not at all disappointed by the results.

He said he was preparing video clips of the team's defensive errors and its strong points, which he will show to gatherings of players in Sydney and Melbourne.

He will travel overseas soon to watch Israel in action.

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Buffalo Gold Cup details

GROUP A

GREEN GULLY 4 (Paul Lewis 14th, 16th, 45th, 62nd) BOX HILL 0. Referee: Mike Gault 6.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 6, Smart (inj.), sub Murray 6, 19th, McMillan 6, Gibson 7, P. Czapiak 5, Gregorczuk 6, Kolaric 5 (Trout 60th).
BOX HILL: McKinlay 4 — McPhee 3, Davidson 4, Basic 4, Roodhouse 5 — Ramos 3, Valentine 4 (Lawler 55th), Underwood 7 (McLachlan 55th), Keenan 3 — Azzopardi 6, Verechchia 4. Coach: Keith Webster.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 3 (Lane 14th, 40th, 52nd pen.) POLONIA 2 (Warszawa 23rd, Gregorczuk 55th). Referee: John Stojkovic 6.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 6 — Opaninis 6, Dobson 8, Piculovski 8, Lane 8. Coach: Bill Murray.
POLONIA: Dzielakowski 6 — Liplarski 7, Vonja 4, Avian 4, Smolarek 6 — Gibson 7, P. Czapiak 5, Gregorczuk 6, Kolaric 5 (Trout 60th).
PRZYBYLA 5, Warszawa 6. Coach: Eddie Reid.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Gojevic 68th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0. Referee: Chris Bambridge 6.

CROATIA: Govic 6 — Curcio 7 (sent off, 44th), Parton 8, Kotzarnichals 8, Hannah 8 — Bliskic 6, Antolovic 7, Campbell 6, Deankovic 5 — Gojevic 8, Cumming 7. Coach: Tommy Cumming.
HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 8, Blair 7, Kalfitidis 7, Postecoglou 8 — Kanesoulis 5, Halford 5, Ysendorn 8, Kalogeros 4, Egan 8, Brown 4. Coach: Len McKendry.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Lewis 60th) POLONIA 0. Referee: Bill Brickell 8.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 7 — Smart (inj.), sub Murray 6, 19th, McMillan 6, Gibson 7, P. Czapiak 5, Gregorczuk 6, Kolaric 5 (Trout 60th).
POLONIA: Dzielakowski 6 — Liplarski 7, Vonja 8, Avian 6, Smolarek 6 — Gibson 7, P. Czapiak 6, Gregorczuk 7, Kolaric 4 — Warszawa 5, Przybyla 4.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Antolovic penalty 9th, House 58th) BOX HILL 0. Referee: Evan Vinton 6.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Govic 5 — Deankovic 7, Parton 7, Kotzarnichals 7, Hannah 8 — Bliskic 8, Antolovic 6 (House 48th), Campbell 6, Cristado 7 — Cumming 7, Gojevic 8. Coach: Tommy Cumming.

BOX HILL: Harrison 7 — McPhee 4, Davidson 5, Basic 5, Roodhouse 7 — Underwood 6, Lawler 5, Hughes 7, White 6 — Azzopardi 6, Verechchia 6. Coach: Keith Webster.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Opaninis 40th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0. Referee: Jim Fearn 8.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7 — Dunn 8, McMillan 7, Dobson 8, Opaninis 8 — Heys 9, Flavell 7, Piculovski 6, Iliiski 8 — Cole 7, Lane 8. Coach: Bill Murray.
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 8, Blair 8, Kalfitidis 7, Postecoglou 6 — Kanesoulis 6, Halford 6, Bozinovski 4, Kalogeros 3 — Egan 5, Brown 5. Coach: Len McKendry.

GROUP B

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Moore pen. 33rd, Bingham 60th, Athersych 65th) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Stojkovic pen. 46th). Referee: Trevor Barry 4.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 6 — Palermo 7, Bingham 8, Bruns 7, Train 6 — J. van Bar 6, O'Callaghan 7, Moore 7, Cassar 7 — Stirtion 7, Athersych 8. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.
J.U.S.T.: Boland 9 — Curovic 5, Tutill 3, Karic 5, Petrov 7 — Perez-Reigoza 5 (R. Barjaktarevic 45th), McDowell 6, Stojkovic 6 — Tapai 6, Carroll 5, Lujic 8 — Scari 6, Bennett 6, Richardson 6, Taylor 8 — Toal 4 (McGoran 58th), Faulkner 6, Bain 6 (Israk 55th), Mitten 5 — Latif 8, Glider 6.

JUVENTUS 1 (Zinni 9th) FAWKNER 1 (Tuffield 38th). Referee: Lou Hommes 6.

JUVENTUS: Mazzadra 7 — Miranda 5, Lewis 6, Drinoczky 7, Geremia 6 — Cullen 8, Wade 6, Incantalupo 6 (Lloyd 55th) — Zinni 7, Sweeney 6, Ward 7. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

FAWKNER: Noble 8 — Petrecolli 7, Macleod 7, Fattore 7, Giacomini 3, Palinkas 7, Tuffield 7, Li 7. Coach: Gus Meleod.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Gabrielson 69th) SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Gilder 48th). Referee: Jim Fearn 7.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7 — McKie 7, Gabrielson 8, Metaxas 7, Marley 7 — Tasios 8, Selemidis 6, Valentine 7, Patterson 6 — Deligiannis 6, Stevenson 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 8 — Scari 7, Gardiner 7, Richardson 7, Taylor 7 — Toal 5, Faulkner 7, DeLuca 5, Mitten 5 — Glider 7, Latif 6. Coach: John Gardiner.

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Cassar 61st) FAWKNER 0. Referee: Mike Gault 8.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 6 — Bingham 7, Bruns 6, Moore 7, Train 8 — J. van Bar 7, MacLean 7, O'Callaghan 7, Cassar 8 — Athersych 8, Stirtion 7. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

FAWKNER: Noble 6 — Petrecolli 7, Macleod 7, Fattore 7, Giacomini 3, Palinkas 7, Tuffield 7, Li 7. Coach: Gus Meleod.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2 (Selemidis 40th, Patterson 57th) JUVENTUS 1 (Sweeney 25th). Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 8 — McKie 8, Selemidis 8, Angelo 7 — Metaxas 7, Valentine 8, Tasios 8 — Stevenson 3, Deligiannis 7 (Winn 46th), Patterson 8. Coach: Brian Garvey.

JUVENTUS: Keogh 7 — Lloyd 6, Lewis 7, Drinoczky 6, Geremia 7 — Cullen 8, Miranda 6, Wade 7 — Sweeney 6, Ward 7, Zinni 6. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (McDowell 20th) SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Latif 22nd). Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 7.

J.U.S.T.: Boland 9 — Durdevic 6, McDowell 7, Barjaktarevic 6, (Perez-Reigoza 46th) Petrov 8 — Karic 6, Belic 6, Stojkovic 8 — Tapai 5, Carroll 5, Lujic 8.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 8 — Scari 6, Bennett 6, Richardson 6, Taylor 8 — Toal 4 (McGoran 58th), Faulkner 6, Bain 6 (Israk 55th), Mitten 5 — Latif 8, Glider 6.

SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	2	0	0	5	0	4
Croatia	2	0	0	3	0	4
Makedonia	2	0	0	4	2	4
Polonia	0	0	2	2	4	0
Hellas	0	0	2	0	2	0
Box Hill	0	0	2	0	6	0

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morwell Falc.	2	0	0	4	1	4
Heidelberg	1	1	0	3	2	3
S. Geo. Cross	0	2	0	2	2	2
Juventus	0	1	1	2	3	1
Fawkner	0	1	1	1	2	1
J.U.S.T.	0	1	1	2	4	1

It's tough
now
for Juve

Juventus faces the task of having to beat Section B leaders Morwell Falcons on Friday and Footscray J.U.S.T. on Friday week if it is to have any chance of qualifying for the Buffalo Gold Cup semi-finals.

Despite the purchase of Peter Lewis and Paul Wade, Juventus has failed to win a game so far.

Croatia and Makedonia meet in the later game on Friday, with Green Gully being the other team in the running for the semi-final berth from Section A.

Remaining matches:

FRIDAY: Juventus v. Morwell Falcons, Croatia v. Makedonia.

SATURDAY: S — George Cross v. Fawkner, Heidelberg-Alexander v. Foots JUST.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6: Polonia v. Box Hill, Hellas v. Green Gully.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8: Heid-Alexander v. Fawkner, Juventus v. Foots JUST.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9: Hellas v. Box Hill, Makedonia v. Green Gully.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13: S — George Cross v. Morwell Falcons, Croatia v. Polonia.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15: Foots JUST v. Fawkner, Juventus v. S — George Cross.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16: Croatia v. Green Gully, Hellas v. Polonia.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20: Makedonia v. Box Hill, Heid-Alexander v. Morwell Falcons.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23: Semi-finals.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27: Final.

Banovic puzzle

Peter Blasby, Keith Adams, Dave Brogan, Robert Markovac, Yakkas Banovic and Steve Gojevic all could leave Melbourne Croatia.

Two star players from Yugoslavia are expected to arrive shortly with new Croatia coach, Dom Kapetanovic.

Blasby, Adams and Brogan are transfer listed, while Markovac wants to join Heidelberg and Sydney Croatia player-coach Vedran Razic wants to sign Gojevic.

The Banovic situation is far less clear. Banovic doesn't really want to leave and Croatia doesn't want him to go. Why then, has there been so much press speculation over Banovic joining Brunswick Juventus?

Banovic claims that if he leaves Croatia, his contract states that he's entitled to half of transfer fee, and says that this isn't the case.

Croatia's new signings have been defender Aki Kotzarnichals and goalkeeper Mirko Runje from Springvale City. Striker Greg House from Knox City and midfielder Victor Cristaldo from Keilor Austria.

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Club president Leo Anzakakis with Hellas' 1984 championship cup.

Hellas to take
on Asia's best
in Hong Kong

Australian champion South Melbourne Hellas has been invited to play against Asian national teams in the Puma Cup in Hong Kong.

Hellas president Leo Anzakakis says Hellas has taken up the invitation.

The Cup, he says, will be played either late in February or in May, depending on the sponsor.

Hellas has replaced the Aus-

tralian national team in the series.

Not since St. George Budapest won the 1971 Tokyo international series has an Australian club competed in a major tournament overseas.

Even if it is played in May, the series will not affect Hellas's NSL commitments, as all games will be mid-week.

Meanwhile, Hellas was negotiating with Steve Blair, Ken Murphy and Oscar Crino as we went to Press.

All the other 1984 players had agreed to re-sign on the same terms as last year. The other three were holding out.

Blair was unwilling to commit himself because he hoped to join Scottish club Hearts of Midlothian.

Hearts officials have told him that they were keen to sign him for the \$50,000 maximum fee stipulated in his contract. Anzakakis, however, has had no word from the Scottish club.

Murphy and Crino have missed Buffalo Cup games due to injuries, and neither of them had agreed to the terms of a new contract as we went to Press.

Anzakakis said the committee was adamant that it would not pay players more than last season.

"Our gate takings gave us only half of what we needed to run the club last year. The rest came out of people's pockets, and from the hard work of supporters and ladies' clubs. Even then, we were well down before the finals series, and made up the difference only because we were lucky in playing against good teams like Heidelberg and Olympic in the finals," Anzakakis said.

"What's more, we got good money from the Buffalo Cup last year, whereas it looks like we won't get very much at all this year. Under those circumstances, it would be suicide to pay the players more."

He added that committee had agreed to dig into their own pockets to provide \$15,000 to buy Gary McDowell from J.U.S.T. However, no deal had been finalised for McDowell by the time we went to Press.

John Ysendorn, meanwhile, will miss up to 10 games due to an ankle injury.

Dzielakowski, Czapiak return

Green Gully 1
Polonia 0

Green Gully introduced its recruit from Canberra Arrows, Jim Murray, in its 1-0 victory over Polonia in the Buffalo Gold Cup at Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

Murray, who played mainly as centre back with the Arrows, switched to Gully for \$300.

He came on as substitute right-back for Ken Smart who was injured in a clash with Polonia's Darko Kolaric early in the match.

Murray was the first new player to join Green Gully for 1985, but coach Bobby McLachlan continues negotiating for more reinforcements.

as the club has lost star midfielder Paul Wade to Juventus.

Striker Les Carter was injured in the All-Nations Cup final between England and Croatia late last year, and has his leg in plaster.

Paul Lewis remained top scorer in the Buffalo Cup by scoring the winning goal 10 minutes before the end, adding to the four he scored against Box Hill the previous week.

But whereas Lewis had run riot against Box Hill, Polonia's John Vonja took a tight grip on him in a defensive performance that far surpassed his efforts against Makedonia in the first round.

Goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski is making a comeback after an 18-month absence and he too put in a much improved performance in his second game. Whereas he had

been extremely shaky in conceding three goals to Makedonia, he made many fine saves against Polonia, preventing Lewis from adding to his tally late in the match.

Leszek Gregorczuk, hampered by injuries for much of 1984, looked quite unfit, and it will therefore take time before we see an effective partnership between him and Polonia's recruit from Wilhelmnia, Greg Warszwski.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Christopoulos, Markovac on the way

Heidelberg 2
B. Juventus 1

This victory created an air of confidence among Heidelberg Alexander officials and supporters who should be further buoyed this week by the signings of midfielder George Christopoulos from Canberra and striker Robert Markovac from Melbourne Croatia.

Canberra wants \$20,000 for Christopoulos. Heidelberg offered \$16,500 last Friday. The clubs should reach agreement this week.

Heidelberg and Croatia meet at Soccer House tonight (Wednesday) to thrash out the dispute which has arisen over Markovac's status as a registered Croatia player. Heidelberg claims that Markovac is an amateur. Croatia claims that it can ask money for his transfer.

Failure to reach agreement over terms has led to Heidelberg transfer listing stopper Don Macleod and striker Steve Winn, both at \$18,000, and midfielder Mike Petersen on the threshold of signing with a Dutch First Division club. It's believed that Petersen has a maximum transfer fee of \$10,000 in his contract with Heidelberg.

Heidelberg still wants to sign Arthur Xanthopoulos but has balked at the \$10,000 fee sought by South Melbourne Hellas.

Juventus, under new coach Tommy Traynor, has just one point to show from two Buffalo Gold Cup sorties.

Peter Lewis and Paul Wade have been Juve's big signings so far. Lewis from Croatia for \$18,000 and Wade from Green Gully for the \$5,000 maximum in his contract.

Juventus offered \$10,000 to Croatia for goalkeeper Yakkas Banovic. Croatia wanted \$20,000 at first but has come down to \$17,500.

Juventus has resigned itself to losing out to Hellas in the race to sign Gary McDowell from Footscray J.U.S.T., but there's a lot of money in the coffers and Juve still could make a big move into the transfer market.

Goalkeeper Gary Clayton, on loan to Hellas last season, has switched to newly promoted State League club Springvale City for \$2,500. However, goalkeeper Ricky Mazzadra, who played in the Provisional League last year on loan to Dallas City, has returned.

John Dowie and Eddie Campbell arrived back from Scotland earlier this week. Campbell, a visa player, could join Fawkner in State League, making room for defender Brian Brown to register with Juventus as a visa player.

Harry Hird still is recovering from a bad knee injury but Fab Incantalupo, who missed all of last year's league season after knee reconstruction surgery, is nearing peak fitness.

Full back Vince Bannon seems certain to leave while midfielder Kevin Swincoe, still overseas, is transfer listed. But let's finally get back to last Friday night's clash at Olympic Park.

There were two superb goals scored in this game.

Juventus struck first, in the 25th minute. Lewis, the Juventus captain and sweeper, won the ball inside his own area, shrugged off Stuart Stevenson's challenge and surged down the right, before striking an inch perfect ball down the line to Gary Ward. Joe Sweeney times his run from the near post to perfection and Ward got to the line then cut the ball back. Sweeney's first timer left Jeff Oliver floundering.

The Heidelberg equaliser came from Theo Selemidis, who played in an unaccustomed sweeper's role. Selemidis reinforced his already outstanding reputation as a great header of the ball when he rose high at the far post in the 40th minute to head home

Mike Valentine's free kick from the left.

But Ward had missed a great opportunity to give Juventus a two-goal lead four minutes before the equaliser. A handball offence inside the Heidelberg area was picked up by the linesman. Referee Chris Bambridge consulted his fellow officials then awarded a penalty but Oliver then awarded an attempt superbly, diving to his right and saving well.

Stevenson was running the Juventus defence ragged in the second half and set up the winning goal in the 57th minute. Steve Tasios, on the left wing, struck the ball low and hard toward the near post. Sean Keogh came off his line but before he could get to the ball Stevenson darted in and flicked it back into the path of Scott Patterson who drove the ball into the far corner for the best goal of the game.

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St George wins Pindari Cup, Arok praises Kavantzis

St George continued its domination of pre-season tournaments when it won its second Challenge Cup in successive years. Renamed the Pindari Challenge Cup the competition incorporates teams representing four ethnic groups in Sydney.

This, of course, was an insurance against lack of publicity and lack of support for the tournament.

All four teams will pocket around \$10,000 each with the prize money donated by the Pindari Industries on top of gate receipts.

St George, by winning the tournament, will collect \$5,000, Croatia for finishing second \$3,500, Sydney Olympic in third place gets \$1,500 and APIA gets \$1,000.

A mere pittance you might say. In fact, none of the four clubs would make that much if it won the title of Australian champion! One club official was adamant that this kind of tournament gives all participating clubs a good springboard into the NSW Ampol Cup and the NSL competition.

However, the expected turnout, particularly that of Olympic fans, never eventuated. The organisers of the tournament insisted that all four sides in the competition field their best available teams. St George and Croatia did so and proved to be the strongest sides.

APIA had Terry Butler, Mark Brown, Rob De Ceglie and Tony Morsello in its side for the first two matches, while Arno Bertogna chimed in for the last game.

Seven positions were occupied by APIA juniors.

"Clubs are going broke and players are getting more and

more expensive," said one of the APIA officials.

"We are determined to put our house in order. First build a good ground and provide our spectators with facilities they deserve. Our juniors are good and in time will prove to be just as good as those who claim to be worth so much money."

As for Olympic, it was a total disaster! Five first graders fronted in the first of the three matches, and six in the second match. Then, for the last match only one first grader, Gary Phillips, was in the starting line-up with Chris Kalantzis joining in during the second half.

Paying \$5 to see this tournament just was not on!

So they stayed away in droves. The large Greek soccer support in Sydney was the first to abandon ship. Only a few hundred, the core of Olympic fans, fronted and you wouldn't have known that they were there. The game was so poor, many of them left the ground at half time.

As for the two matches played in the last round of the Pindari Cup there was little to say. Saints, who dominated this tournament, met their match in Croatia, but the four struggle which lasted 80 minutes provided very few spills and thrills.

Saints never looked like losing but failed to play the game which destroyed Olympic

BY ALEX VESIC

and APIA. In the first two rounds, Croatia seemed satisfied with a point which was to give it the runner-up money and seldom attacked with venom.

Zeljko Jurin tried hard, but the rest only did their jobs to keep Saints at bay. As for Saints, the money and the trophy is in their hands, but an injury to Dez Marton in the last seconds of the match marred celebrations. As Marton pounced on the ball to shoot, it was tackled by a Croatia player.

Marton sprawled on the ground in pain. On came a stretcher and there were fears of a broken leg. However, it turned out to be just a badly bruised ankle.

Marton has been a delight to watch in the years he has been with St George. He is the kind of player who needs protection because he is a marked man.

The match for third place between APIA and Olympic was an awful affair. Olympic's youth versus the APIA youth never looked like giving spectators their money's worth and ended in a draw, giving Olympic third place.

The opening round of the Pindari Cup belonged to Croatia and St George. Amidst rumours that Bradley was set to be transferred and the money problems that have beset Olympic, it was no surprise to see APIA and Olympic field under-strength teams, doomed for defeat well before the kick off.

APIA offered some resistance during the curtain raiser

against Croatia but all was lost during one of a most one sided second half. Parading new recruit Renato Licata, APIA hoped for better things, but the youngster failed to find his feet in his new surroundings and seldom looked the goods.

To add to APIA's problems, Catlin and Jones collided in the 4th minute, providing Graeme Arnold with the easiest of goals, then the APIA defence stood and watched as Arnold latched onto a free kick by Jurin to score the winning goal in the 9th minute. APIA also had struck in the 4th minute, thanks to Morsello.

Croatia's defence was to blame for APIA's equaliser after Morsello ran through to beat Woodhouse.

Licata had a sitter in the 13th minute but missed and slowly but surely the depleted APIA fell away. Croatia easily could have scored a few more had it not have been for the evergreen Butler who saved his side on at least three occasions.

The St George and Olympic battle turned into a non-event. Saints scored early through John Broadhouse, then dominated for most of the match before scoring yet again with 20 minutes to go through Peter Petkovski.

Olympic had six of its regular players out of the side. Missing were Patikas, Rasopoulos, Coody, Rogers, Phillips and Soper. If you add Kalantzis and Patalis as the back-up players and the fact that Olympic was in training for only three sessions before this

Match-by-match analysis

CROATIA 2 (Arnold 4th, 9th) — A.P.I.A. 1 (Morsello 6th) Crowd: 4950 Referee: Terry Seacy 9.

CROATIA: Woodhouse 7, — Alex Kovacic 6 (Meades 41st — 6), Vidalic 7, Basic 7, Tomasich 6 (Samardzic 41st — 6), — Woods 7, Marjan Kovacic 7 (Puclic 67th), Rezo 6, — Jurin 8, Arnold 7, Kero 6 (Caleta 41st — 6).

A.P.I.A.: Catlin 5, — Spina 5, Butler 8, Jones 5, Brown 5, — De Ceglie 6, Cabal 5 (Marton 25th — 6), Reda 6 (Morsion 57th), — Genovese 6, Morsello 6, Licata 5.

ST GEORGE 2 (Broadhouse 2nd, Petkovski 6th) — SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 Referee: Tim Davies 9.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 6, — (Bovces 68th), — Sken 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7, — Barton 7 (Ricoy 41st — 5), J. O'Shea 7, Stone 6 (Kocka 41st — 7), — Slater 7, Petkovski 6 (Hussein 68th), Broadhouse 6 (Marton 41st — 7).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meir 6, — Haniotis 6, Dakos 7, Lambropoulos 6, Jennings 7, — Naumov 6, Katholos 7, Svinos 5, Zervas 5 (Spanoudakis 41st — 5), — M. Koussas 6 (A. Koussas 62nd), John-

ST GEORGE 3 (Marton 3rd, Kocka 6th, Slater 21st) — A.P.I.A. 0. Crowd: 4050 Referee: G. Warr 8.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 6, — Sken 8, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7 (Moffit 60th), Kocka 8 — Barton 7, Stone 7 (J. O'Shea 41st — 6), Ricoy 6 (Darlington 70th) — Slater 7, Petkovski 6 (Hussein 68th), Marton 9.

A.P.I.A.: Catlin 6, — Spina 5, Butler 7, Jones 6, Brown 6, — De Ceglie 6, Reda 7, Tanovics 6 (41st — Martinez 6), — Genovese 5, (Gordon 78th), Gardikiotis 6, Licata 5.

CROATIA 1 (Patikas 70th) — SYDNEY

match then the picture becomes a little clearer. Saints had a full side and on chances alone could have turned this match into farce. Marton and Mark Barton showed glimpses of brilliance for the winners, while Tony Dakos and Peter Katholos shone for Olympic.

Saints demolished an under-strength APIA and Croatia drew with an under-strength Olympic to pave the way for a showdown between Croatia and St George in the final. Saints cruised past APIA, scoring three goals in the first 20 minutes, then sauntered to the next 60, missing a number of opportunities to increase the score.

Marton opened the scoring in the 3rd minute with a well

OLYMPIC 1 (Koussas 37th) Referee: Richard Lorenz 9.

CROATIA: Woodhouse 9, — A. Kovacic 6, T. Basic 7, Vidalic 7, Tomasich 6, U. Basic 48th-6), — Woods 6 (Caleta 41st) Rezo 5 (Meades 41st-5), M. Kovacic 6 (Kero 68th), Patikas 6, — Jurin 6, Arnold 5.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meir 6, — Johnston 6, Dakos 6, Spanoudakis 7 (Haniotis 41st-6), Lambropoulos 6, — Phillips 7, Svinos 6 (Ziras 65th-5), Naumov 7, Katholos 6, — Koussas 6, (Matsias 77th), Kalantzis 9.

FINAL: ST GEORGE 0 — CROATIA 0 Crowd: 3,505. Referee: Ken Small 5.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 7, — Sken 8, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, Kocka 8, — Barton 6, Stone 6 (Ricoy 52), J. O'Shea 7, — Slater 7, Petkovski 6, Marton 6 (High 77th).

CROATIA: Woodhouse 7, — A. Kovacic 7, Basic 6, Vidalic 7, Tomasich 7, — M. Kovacic 7, Woods 6 (Kero 67th), Patikas 6, — Jurin 7, Arnold 6, Meades 6 (Caleta 58th).

Third-place play off: SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 — APIA 0 Referee: Peter Ramp-ley 9.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Londres 8, — Svinos 7, Ziras 6, Spanoudakis 7, Hatzopoulos 6, — Phillips 7, Naumov 6, Stavropoulos 5 (Vandartakis 70th), A. Koussas 6, Patalis 6, Polias 6 (Kalantzis 41st-7).

A.P.I.A.: Catlin 7, — Spina 6, Bertogna 7, Butler 7, Brown 7, — DeCeglie 6, Reda 7, Jones 6, — Genovese 7, Morsello 5, Licata 5 (Gardikiotis 40st-6).

FINAL TABLE

St George..... 2 1 0 5 0 5
Croatia..... 1 2 0 3 2 4
Olympic..... 0 2 1 1 3 2
A.P.I.A..... 0 1 2 1 5 1

ned to the Olympic side and did much to enhance its chances. Kalantzis was particularly impressive and was unlucky on a couple of occasions. Dakos and Kalantzis were the start of this match with Mark Koussas and Patikas the scorers.

Koussas pushed the ball over the line from a header by Dakos in the 37th to give Olympic the lead.

Croatia came back with 10 minutes remaining when Bruno Vidacic brushed past four tackles to push the ball wide to Jurin. His cross was low and accurate, allowing Patikas to nudge it into an empty net.

Olympic could have had two goals during the first half and only some great keeping by Greg Woodhouse during the second half kept Kalantzis out.

At the end of the game, national coach Frank Arok complimented the Olympic youngsters.

"He is a match-winner and a definite national team prospect," said Arok.

Uruguayans buy out Auburn, Tredinnick to leave Melita

BY ALEX VESIC

• Raul Blanco • Ljubo Gokovic • David Watt

For most of 1984 season it was Rockdale, Inter and Manly which held the upper hand in the NSW State League, with Sutherland, Auburn and Ku-Ring-Gai playing second fiddle. The rest did little to justify their status.

Inter Monaro finished the season with a mere nostril in front of Rockdale and thus entered the Prestigious National Soccer League at the expense of luckless Melita Eagles.

And while Inter Monaro will have to struggle before finding its feet in top company, Melita Eagles will be on familiar ground back in the State League. According to most of their loyal support, it's not such a bad thing.

Eagles were the leaders in the National league at one stage, so why not the State League? So says one of the most loyal of Melita supporters and its long-standing committee member, Laurie Dimech.

Why not, indeed. The Eagles have retained all but their goalkeeper ace Alex McPherson and Howard Tredinnick.

However, Melita officials are quite happy with Bill London, the second-string keeper. However, APIA is now chasing this youngster, leaving Melita in a quandary.

Howard Tredinnick is on the move leaving Melita's backline a little short of top players.

However, Jay O'Rourke seemed to have fitted in nicely at fullback, London looks solid in goal and all other positions are as in 1984.

Griffiths, Farrugia, Allan, McKie, Wilson, McAusland and Bary Walker (new addition) could give Melita an easy road to the NSW State League Premiership.

Melita is coached by the experienced Mick Jones. Rockdale Ilinden is my second choice for the title. Its backline looks solid, the mid-

field is strengthened by the arrival of Steve Blackburn from Bankstown, while the forward line needs improvement.

Ross Brown has been the target man at Rockdale for some time but despite an ample supply, he failed to score consistently. Ilinden would dearly love to snatch Glen Jeffries from Ku-Ring-Gai to complete its purchasing for the season.

With Jimmy Risteviski and Branko Karandilovski flanking in attack and Jeffries partnering Brown in the middle of the attacking four, Rockdale's midfield might be cut to two players and Slavski will most probably join Nasteviski to share the duties.

Coached by Ilija Takac, Ilinden is the NSW grand final winner of 1984. It is certainly not beyond this side to repeat its '84 success.

Manly Warringah, with its magnificent edifice at Cromer, has the best credentials to become one of the leading clubs in NSW.

With rare enthusiasm and some good planning, Manly has created an ideal setting for its operations. Its ground situated at Cromer Park has for many years been among the best. Its new social club, almost leaning on the terraces of the soccer ground, caters for many needs and certainly looks capable of supporting many generations of Manly stars.

Richard Alagich is determined to create a side which is going to sit at the top of the State League. His credentials are well known among Sydneysiders. His study of this great game and his total commitment to football are rare indeed.

However, his team still has to improve if it is to succeed. Ian Barker, his new acquisition from Polonia is certainly one

of the best in NSW. He is going to be an asset. Mark Holloway has teamed up with Robbie Stuart is going to form a deadly combination up front. In the middle of the park it is going to be "general" Tom Steven with Pasgano, Campbell (acquired from Dee Why) and Leak.

The problem will still be at the back. John Dick and Bruce Doyle look strong and will most probably hold their positions in the middle of the backline but Stuart Dick and Pearce will have to "shape up".

Sutherland, Canterbury and Ku-Ring-Gai look set to fight it out for fourth place.

Sutherland is unchanged for this season (Vic Dal Forno has come out of yet another retirement). Rumors around Sutherland suggest that Keith Schumann and Nigel Groomo would have given it away had Dal Forno retired.

With Mitch Hesford and Peter Terry at fullback Rigers, Harrington, Webber and Groomo in the middle of up park and Connor with Beggs in front, Sutherland can always beat the best.

Canterbury and Ku-Ring-Gai could upset quite a few favorites on their day.

Canterbury, guided by Raul Blanco, has the same side which barely avoided the drop, finishing just a few points away from bottom-placed Yugals.

Canterbury's performance during 1984 was puzzling to say the least. In the first seven rounds four wins, two draws and a single loss gave the side a glimpse of a chance for the title.

Then came that horrible hammering by Avala (1-6) and the wheels fell off this "Berry" coach. In the ensuing 15 rounds the side was beaten ten times winning only two and managing to draw on three occasions.

back with Anagnostopoulos, Fernatis and Philippou among the most skilled midfield combinations around. A little more zest in its defensive duties and this midfield could help its front runners Dounis and Petas.

Louis Dounis is a strong runner with a fairly powerful shot, while Johnny Petas shows all the skills of a classical winger — tricky and fast. Despite all this Blanco will have to strengthen the side if he is to do better than middle of the table and at best fourth in the league.

Ku-Ring-Gai, without its star striker, Glen Jeffries will lose much of its attacking strength but the defence looks good. With Terry Bertram and Lee Watson on duty, the return of Kevern and solid Jesse it is among the best if not the best defensive line up in the league.

Its midfield will be guided by Chris Quigley with Brian Dene and Lee Sutherland alongside, certainly one of the fastest if not the most creative. Neale Williamson, Craig Bass and Neal Hunter will be struggling for goals 1 year, and that is going to be the problem of this side which finished a creditable sixth last year.

The loss of Vic Dalgleish to Avala should not be felt as much as a possible loss of Glen Jeffries to Rockdale.

Uruguayan-Auburn and Bankstown National looked useful in their first outing for 1985. Auburn, sold in the off-season to Uruguay for some \$18,000 will assume a new name — Uruguayan Auburn. With it the side has taken a new look.

Blue and black will remain as its colors but the side has taken a new shape. Out went Kelly (Auburn's player of the year 1984), Stephen Knight (contracted to Blacktown City), David Watt, George Akoutas, Neal Parfitt, and Ron Geekie to Warringah Narabeen and Ray Carney to Avala.

In came Palma, the Fernan-

PROBABLY line-ups in the NSW State League:

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos — Degney, Pilovski, D. Wilson, Blackburn — Slavski, Nasteviski, Risteviski, — Brown, Jeffries, Karandilovski.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Barker — Pagano, J. Dick, Doyle, Pearce, — Steven, Campbell, Etherington, Williamson, — Holloway, Stuart.

MELITA EAGLES: Londres — McPherson, Wilson, McCoy, O'Rourke — Griffiths, Allan, McAusland, Farrugia, — M. Jie, Walker.

SUTHERLAND: Dart — Hesford, Schumann, Da. Forno, Terry, — Harrington, Rogers, Webber, Groomo — Connor, Beggs.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice, — Kevern, Watson, Bertram, Jesse, — Quigley, Dene, Sutherland, — Williamson, Bass, Hunter, Narabeen: El Zai, Karaspyroz, Efthimiadis, Titilas, Hanotele — Mikovic, Philippou, Anagnostopoulos, Fernatis — Dounis, Petas.

AVAILA: Milinkovic — Brown, Stejlija, Lembrly, Lucchesi — Milne, Nedic, Mackenzie, — Da Silva, Kodor, Carney.

URUGUAYAN AUBURN: Rosano — J. Fernandez, Planinic, Palma, G. Fernandez — Johnson, Encinas, Danoso, Varela, — O'Shana, Olivares.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL: Lohman — Lahoud, Meerban, Ismail, Agostino — Griffin, McLean, Akoutas, Gala — A. Dean, Van Helden.

WARRINGAH NARABEEN: P. Dean — Collinges, Mahoney, Watt, Geekie, — Griffin, McLean, Akoutas, Gala — A. Dean, Van Helden.

POLONIA: S. Anderson, — Colusso, Sobczyk, Galas, Hal-head — Kuzmanovic, Nowak, Adnan, Ovcarek — Mahamah, A. Anderson.

dez brothers, Vasrela, Danoso, Encinas, Olivares, Vega, Garga and with Rosano, Planinic and O'Shana from last year's side, it has taken a definite Uruguayan look.

Its chances in the new year cannot be gauged on one game alone and we will just have to sit and wait for some more information.

Bankstown National has also suffered some losses. Steve Giffin, Wayne Coates, Aytce Gene and Steve Blackburn have gone elsewhere and that has left a big gap in the backline. If the side is to plug the back successfully I am confident that it has enough material to compete with the best.

Meerban, Hammond and Hassan have shown exceptional form at the start of this season and should El Housseini fire, then all is well out Bankstown way.

Warringah Narabeen, a

poor cousin to its neighbouring Manly will have its share of problems this year. Last year's coach John Wignall, has departed and Ljubo Gokovic of Auburn has joined the Northern Districts outfit.

With Gokovic came no less than four Auburn players: Akoutas, Watt, Geekie and Parfitt followed their coach to Narabeen. Van Helden of Manly also came to Narabeen to strengthen the forward line.

Peter Dean is in goal, Collinges, Mahoney, Watt and Geekie at the back, with Akoutas, McLean, Griffin and Allan Dean in the middle of the park. Van Helden is yet to find a front-running partner but Allan Dean looks the most likely candidate. Dean could play up front, with Murray Gale taking to midfield.

BUDS GO FOR TODD, FAWKES

Newcastle Rosebud United was hoping to sign defender Bobby Naumov from Sydney Olympic as we went to press and coach Willie Gallagher was confident that star striker Derek Todd would be brought back from England.

There's only about \$1500 needed to get Todd back and the Rosebud directors this week will decide whether or not to pay the sum.

Local midfielder Brett Fawkes, leading scorer in last year's northern NSW First Division, seems certain to join the 'Buds from Cardiff and former Newcastle KB player Malcolm McClelland is set to return to NSL ranks. McClelland has been playing with local club Maitland.

All of last year's squad has signed up for 1985 with the exception of Ralph Maier. If he can get into college in Newcastle to do a physical education course, then he'll stay with the 'Buds. If he has to study in Sydney, Maier will likely to sign him.

Rosebud coach Willie Gallagher, the man who guided the team to victory in the 1984 National Cup, won't be drawn into making any rash predictions about success in 1985. However, he's confident that his team can finish higher on the ladder than last year.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ilinden rocks Marconi, Henderson sent off, Ali Reda a sensation

Led by ex-Marconi player Paul Degney, Rockdale Ilinden returned to the scene of its 1984 grand final triumph to defeat star-studded Marconi before 3,500 spectators.

Ilinden, with its eyes on NSL status, is determined to do well in the NSW State League this year, and its Ampol Cup form will certainly do no harm to Ilinden's chances.

It was not a night for celebration at the Italian-backed Marconi club.

Its sister club from Canberra, Inter Monaro, also was knocked out of the Cup, by Manly Warringah, in the curtain raiser at Marconi stadium.

At St George Stadium, Uruguayan Auburn, backed by a very large band of supporters could do little to stop Blacktown City from winning, but performed well in its first match.

Sydney Olympic fell to an under-strength APIA amid rumours of further troubles and player unrest at the club.

Raskopoulos, Jennings, Phillips, Koussas and Soper were still on the missing list. And with the loss of Jimmy Patikas to Croatia, Olympic is looking very poor indeed.

The NSW Ampol Cup continues this week with matches at Marconi Stadium and St George Stadium:

Friday at Marconi Stadium:
7.00 pm, Wollongong City - Penrith City
8.30 pm Croatia-Melita Eagles

Sunday, St George Stadium:
4.30 pm Avala-Bankstown National



6.00 pm St George-Sydney City Hawks

Ilinden 1 Marconi 0

"Marconi failed to capitalise on its first-half chances, then the whole game turned around in the second half. We completed better, and scored the goal which decided the game," said Ilija Takac, the elated coach of Rockdale, after the match.

Tony Henderson, booked during the first half for a late tackle on Kenny Slavski, appeared to handle the ball 10 metres outside his penalty area. A free kick was given to Rockdale but it didn't seem to please 'Hendo' one bit. He kicked the ball almost the length of the field in disgust, showing obvious dissent.

With no options left, referee Jimmy Davies struck, pulling out the red card Henderson was still remonstrating as he trudged off the Park, to no avail.

Despite the setback, Marconi could have won the match. Only four minutes later Rod Brown was only metres from the line with the ball at his feet, after a cross by David Lowe, but fumbled again.

As if those misses were not enough, Bruce James came in with his own brand of benevolence. As a cross came from the left, he rose high to collect the ball then, unchallenged, dropped it for Ross Brown to head over the line!

NSW AMPOL CUP

By ALEX VESIC

The home side fought hard and had one more opportunity for a reprieve in the last minute but Craig Mason found Kotzohambos unbeatable, even from as close as seven metres.

Manly 1 Inter Monaro 0

Manly completed a hat-trick, in as many matches, over Inter Monaro to eliminate the NSL newcomer from the Ampol Cup. Mark Holloway was the scorer after some good running by Bobby Pagano in the 24th.

Pagano's cross eluded Inter's defence and the outstretched arms of Michael Hocking to find unmarked Holloway at the far post for a tap-in.

Ronnie Davison of Manly had an opportunity for another goal in the 50th minute after some good work by Jimmy Campbell, then Francis had an opportunity for Inter Monaro but neither succeeded, leaving Manly the winner and a quarter-finalist.

Inter was without its star players. Missing were Sebastian Giampaolo and Angelo Ambrosino. Monterosso and Covertale were also out of the side, while Manly appeared to have its full side.

APIA 2 Olympic 1

Sydney Olympic is out of the

Ampol Cup for 1985. Olympic's exit signalled the end of an Ampol Cup crowd extravaganza. In fact Sydney Olympic supporters, with the exception of a few, have vanishingly few of name players such as Jennings, Taskopoulos, Patikas, Phillips, Soper, Koussas, Coady and Rogers, Olympic looked pale.

The presence of Dakos and Kacholus as well as Kalantzis and Patalis did little to improve its chance of success. In fact only Dakos did enough to tarnish his reputation while the other three could hardly put a foot right.

Meier was one of the very few who performed well in this under-strength Olympic 'youth team'. He faced Caban in the 17th to block a shot which was goal-bound, but could do little to stop Genovese from scoring six minutes later. Genovese combined well with De Ceglie to face Meier before slotting his pass under the keeper and into the net.

Only a minute later it was Ali Reda, the 19-year-old sensation, who unleashed a screamer from 30 metres which sailed over Meier and under the crossbar to give APIA the winning lead.

Olympic came back late in the match to score from the penalty spot after a defender had headed inside his own penalty area. Theodorakopoulos took the kick but found Catlin too good, only to pick up the rebound and score.

Blacktown 2 Uruguayan 1

State newcomer, Uruguayan Auburn, with some six players straight from teams like Colo-Colo and Welcome (NSW amateurs), battled well before going down to an under-strength Blacktown.

In fact the Uruguayans contained Blacktown during the first period. Their large support of more than 1000 showed its appreciation for the South American style of play despite the loss. Every time someone attempted the unusual the crowd was on its feet to applaud.

When Tony O'Shana smashed his penalty shot into the net to make it 1-1, not too many people at the ground could guarantee that Blacktown was going to go home a winner.

Alas, indecision in Uruguay's defence cost the side dearly. Ian Shaw slotted the ball home from close range to hit the winner in the 41st.

Earlier on, it was Martin Bourke's turn. He scored the opening goal in the 7th minute from a cross by Brett Thornthwaite, then with nine minutes left in the half, Bourke handled inside his own area to give away a penalty. In the eventual equaliser. To top it all, he received a yellow card and was involved in small skirmishes around the park.

An eventful afternoon for Bourke! Gary Byrne was less fortunate. He was carried off with a suspected rib fracture and is going to be out of the Ampol Cup competition.

First round

The opening round of this year's Ampol Cup produced predictable results with the exception of Polonia's heavy loss to Uruguayan Auburn. A number of State League clubs have gone through an overhaul hoping that the new season would bring new and favorable results.

Canterbury snared Raul Blanco from Melita Eagles as coach.

Narabeen and National opened the Ampol Cup at Cook Park and didn't do a bad job of it. Bob Hammond gave National the lead in the 46th, then Hosseini failed to beat Dean a few minutes later before Narabeen started its late

Round 1: BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 1 (Hassan 46th) WARRINGAH NARABEEN 0.
URUGAYAN AUBURN 5 (O'Shana 24', 73', Vasrelis 36', 63', Danoso 42') POLONIA 2 (Sobczyk Pen 7', A. Anderson 29')
ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Karanfilovski) CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 0
MELITA EAGLES 3 (Allan 67th, Walker 75th, Farrugia 82nd) SUTHERLAND 2 (Dalforno 39th Pen, Conner 69th).

FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Milne 65th) FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Avala won on penalties 5-4).

FAIRY MEADOW (not available):
AVALA: Milinkovic (50th Vukas) - Brown, Stjelja, Lembrak, Lucchesi, Milne, Nedici, Mackenzie - Kosaric (Da Silva 41st), Kodor, Carney.

Round Two: MARCONI 0 ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Brown) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 3,500. Referee: Tim Davies 9.

MARCONI: James 5 - Carter 7, Henderson 6 (sent off 62nd), Calderan 7, Rizzotto 8 - Mason 7, McCulloch 6, Jankovics 7 - Lowe 5, Brown 5, Shasme 5.

ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 9 - Degney 8, D. Wilson 8, Youseph 7, G. Wilson 7, (Nikolovski 41st - 8) - Nastevski 8, Slavski 8, Blackburn 7 - Ristovski 7, Brown 6, Karanfilovski 6.

MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Holloway) INTER MONARO 0. Referee: Allan Towns-ond 8.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Barker 8 - Pearce 7, J. Dick 7, Foy 7, S. Dick 6 - Pagano 8, Steven 7, Campbell 8 - Davison 5, Holloway 7, Stuart 6.

INTER MONARO: Hocking 7 - Domazetovic 6, Santolin 7, Francis 7, Gaggeti 5 - Villox 6 (58th Djordjevi), Carbone 6, Valeri 8 - Cluffati 5 C. Ambrosino 49th - 5), Fiorese 5.

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT 2 (Genovese, Reda) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Theodorakopoulos) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2,980. Referee: Richard Lorenc 9.

A.P.I.A.: Catlin 8, Spina 7, Butler 7 (45th Morson 6), Bertogna 8, Brown 7 - De Ceglie 6, Reda 7, Morsello 6 - Genovese 7, Jones 6, Caban 5.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7 - Johnson 6, Dakos 6, Lambropoulos 5 - Hanlotis 5 (41st Spanoudakis 6), Svinos 6, Kacholus 6 - Patalis 5 (Matzias 63rd), Theodorakopoulos 6, Kalantzis 7.

BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Bourke, Shaw) URUGUAYAN AUBURN 1 (O'Shana pen). Referee: Richard Doonan 7.

VILLANI STRIKES

South Australian Ampol Cup
with ALAN CRISP

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 5 (Villani 42nd, 49th, 61st, Flounders 26th, Rankin 66th) SALISBURY UNITED 1 (Ball 47th). Second game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS:
Cicchianni 7 - Donnelly 8, Nyekohus 8, Flounders 8, Tobin 7 - Matto 9, Northcote 7, Villani 8, Maxwell 6 (Vidmar) 7, Mullen 7, Rankin 8. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

SALISBURY UNITED: Ostendorf 6 - Latham 8, Gray 7, Higgins 8, Baird 6 (T. Mullen) - Harg 5, Williams 6, Boyle 7, McFall 7 - Bell 6. McCall 7. Coach: Ian Sim.

A Charley Villani hat-trick destroyed Rothmans Leagues Salisbury United in the South Australian Ampol Cup last Friday.

Night series newcomer Salisbury held Adelaide City Juventus to a respectable 0-1 scoreline at half time. The NSW outfit's goal came in the 26th minute when big defender Neville Flounders headed in a Villani corner.

But the floodgates opened two minutes into the second half with a classic goal from Villani, who had loafed throughout the first half, giving no indication of his explosive second half intentions.

Salisbury veteran Harry Bell made it 2-1 in the 47th minute with a sizzling free kick but Villani upstaged Bell two minutes later with his second goal. He completed his hat-trick before Peter Rankin first timed a cross from youth Soccer Alex Tobin to end the rout.

CROATIA 1 (Key 15th) CAMPBELLTOWN CITY 1 (Webb 37th). First game of a double header at Hindmarsh Stadium.

CROATIA: Skilich 7 - Hutchins 7, Maricic 8, Bridges 7, Palaka 6 - Klein 7 (Gallina), Mervie 7, Tiner 6 - Key 7, Blute 7, Reich 6 (sent off 70th).

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY: Pivetta 7

Parsons 7, Smith 7 (sent off 70th), Ouwerekker 8, Richardson 8 - Frach 6 (Barandregt), Balltrane 8 (Turnbull), Halliday 7, Maggetto 8 - Webb 8, Sullivan 8.

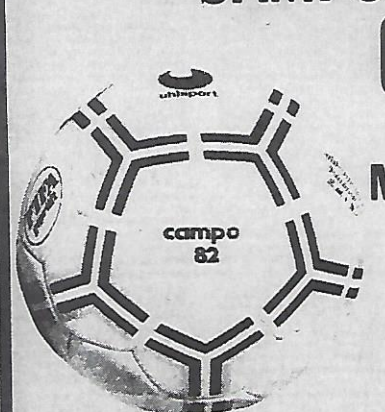
Rothmans League champion Croatia struggled to a 1-1 draw with Campbelltown City.

It was a mixed night for new signings. Campbelltown paraded GORDON Smith from Port Adelaide, Dave Ouwerekker from Azzurri and Larry Sullivan from Elizabeth City while Croatia introduced ex-Para Hills pair Chris Key and Dino Gallina.

Former Para captain Key opened the scoring in the 15th minute but Nick Webb equalised three minutes before half time.

Smith ended his Campbelltown debut in inglorious fashion by being sent off late in the game along with Alby Richer of Croatia.

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Hoszowski to join Procop at Monaro



Angelo Ambrosino

Goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski, who bought out his contract with Canberra for \$1500, seems certain to join NSL newcomer Inter Monaro, which has hired former Romanian youth team coach Josif Procop on a full time basis.

Procop coached Romania during the 1981 World Youth Cup finals in Australia. Inter Monaro and Canberra are engaged in a tug-of-war over the services of central defender Angelo Ambrosino, who played with Monaro last year on loan. Canberra is asking for \$5000 while Monaro wants to again sign the 23-year-old on loan.

There's doubt about former Soccerroo left back Harry Williams staying with Monaro this

year. Williams has been on holiday and Monaro is waiting to hear from him to find out whether or not the classy defender wants to take another crack at the NSL. Williams is a former St George and Canberra player.

Monaro failed in a bid to sign Ricky Budini from Marconi. Budini, the 1984 NSW Rothmans Medal winner, played with State League Avala on loan from Marconi last year.

Monaro is likely to retain most of last year's squad and the club probably will sign a defender and a midfielder.

Up front, Monaro has few worries, for Walter Valeri, Seb Giampaleo and Tony Brennan are proven NSL performers.

If Hoszowski joins, he'll be vying with Michael Hocking for the goalkeeper's spot. Argentinian Gabriel Domazetovic, long serving captain John Santolin and Mark Francis (along with Ambrosino and Williams) are the experienced defenders in Procop's first-team squad.

THE CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Kalantzis, Dakos raring to go!

Watch out for Chris Kalantzis and Tony Dakos in 1985. Both have been in tremendous form for Sydney Olympic during the Pindari Challenge Cup, and Kalantzis's confidence has been boosted tremendously by being included in the national team for the World Youth Championship qualifying series.

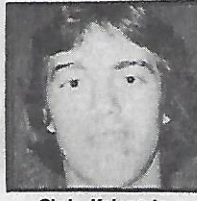
The talents of Kalantzis and Dakos and the stability instilled in the squad by coach Manfred Schaefer should enable us to overcome the loss of key players Martin Rogers, Mike Coady and Jim Patikas.

Coady, who, as stopper, was the backbone of our side last year, has joined Tommy Docherty at Wolverhampton Wanderers, while Rogers also has returned to England and is trialing with Alan Davidson's club, Nottingham Forest.

Patikas, of course, is trying to join Sydney Croatia, although there's a hassle about his transfer fee. I hope for his sake, the hassle doesn't last too long.

Marshall Soper looks like being lost to Olympic as well because he couldn't agree to terms, and it'll be a few weeks yet before Peter Raskopoulos recovers from the ankle injury he sustained on the Soccerroos' world tour.

Big Alex Lambropoulos has been taking the responsibility of filling in for Coady in defence, while Stuart Johnston of Melita Eagles has been trialing in Rogers' right-back position even though he's



Chris Kalantzis

played mainly as a winger. If he doesn't fit the bill, Bobby Naumov or Arthur Svinos may get the position.

Up front, we've got Mark Koussas, Nick Theodorakopoulos, Terry Patalis and Kalantzis, whose talents should lighten the blow of losing Soper.

Gary Meier, who's played since the start of the NSL in 1977, lines up for another season in goal, but his understudy, Peter Wilson, appears to have given the game away, which is a big loss to soccer in general.

Theodorakopoulos is raring to go after returning from a holiday in Greece last week, and Gary Phillips is super fit and determined after a few early problems regarding his contract.

All in all, I reckon we're in pretty good shape to fight it out with Marconi, Sydney Hakoah, St George and Croatia who all are looking good. Marconi could give us all a fright. They're signing Peter Tredinick who will make them even stronger than they were in the 1984 finals. I have a lot of re-

spect for their coach, Les Scheinflug, and the younger players like David Lowe and Rod Brown, who will be even better after the experience gained last year.

Elite league is best

Although the keen competition between our strongest clubs should give us an interesting 1985 season, I firmly believe that the NSL has to revert back to an elite 14 or 16-team format.

If interest in soccer is to be boosted, that's the only way to do it.

APIA-Juventus, Hellas-Olympic, Marconi-Heidelberg, Melbourne Croatia — Sydney Croatia — they're the type of games that draw crowds and create glamor.

We need the best from Sydney and Melbourne and perhaps one from Adelaide, but I'm afraid Brisbane is a dead State soccer-wise, with little to offer in terms of drawing power.

At the moment, the northern region of the NSL looks more like a State league competition, and because there won't be any inter-region clashes before the finals, the league will lose a lot of its interstate rivalry.

In fact, the national competition really exists only in the southern region, where Victoria is pitted against Queensland and South Australia.

Tilsed to guide young Saints

Dez Marton is lining up for another season after initial hedging over a new contract. Roy Cotton returns after a four year absence and former West Adelaide striker Paul Wormley has been signed from Perth, but they and the other senior St George Budapest players will be looking over their shoulder this year as a crop of young lions stake their claims to a place in the team.

Coach Frank Arok has a high opinion of these young stars, but he's guaranteeing them nothing. "If they want to play, it's up to them to push their way in," he says.

The most prominent of them are:

STEVE STRASSHOFFER, former NSW junior representative whose lack of height is offset by extraordinary strength and bullet-like shot. Arok calls him his "little Puskas".

PAUL DARLINGTON, 18, a shrewd midfielder — a real thinker.

GEORGE BISCHAYA, 18, rough, tough and fast, 1.8m defender who's studying to be a doctor and who, like Darlington, was unable to play last year due to his academic pursuits.

SCOTT WALSON, 17, forward and CHRIS HIGH, 17, midfielder, both of whom spent two months training in Brazil recently.

CRAIG MOFFITT, 17, one of the club's best defensive prospects.

ANGELO RODIC and KEITH WARREN, both former State under 16 representatives and both goalkeepers.

RON TILSED has joined Saints from Wollongong as goalkeeper coach. Tilsed played for Canberra Arrows before going to Wollongong, and his guidance should further develop both Rodic and Warren.

Cotton has returned to Saints from Penrith in a deal under which Saints had to pay him what Penrith still owed him.

Wormley, the big English striker, had his transfer from Perth held up because his club there asked a transfer fee for him, even though visa players are not allowed to be sold. The problem was expected to be cleared up swiftly, and Wormley should soon partner Marton in attack.

St George must be the envy of every other NSL club because, believe it or not, it finished in the black in 1984!

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Steve Strasshofer

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FORZA JUVE!

Ed eccoci all'inizio di un nuovo anno e di una nuova stagione calcistica. Innanzitutto cogliamo l'occasione per augurare "Buon Anno" ai nostri lettori, ai tifosi del piu' bel sport del mondo, alle squadre, ai giocatori, ai dirigenti ed a tutti coloro che gravitano nell'ambiente del calcio.

Che il 1985 possa portare a tutti maggiori soddisfazioni, nella spirito cavalleresco dello sport, ed un miglioramento reale al calcio australiano che, pur non essendo di levatura eccelsa, e' pur sempre il "nostro calcio" di cui possiamo e dobbiamo esser fieri.

Prima di avventurarsi ad esplorare le prospettive di questa stagione nuova di zecca, e' bene dare uno sguardo a ritroso ad alcuni eventi conclusivi del 1984.

INDECISIONI ED EGOSIMO

A livello nazionale l'anno scorso il calcio australiano e' stato nuovamente caratterizzato, forse in maniera piu' accentratrice del solito, da indecisioni ed egosimo dei dirigenti federali, di leghe e di club.

I continui rovesciamenti di fronte, le mezze misure, i ripensamenti repentini, i cambiamenti di convenienza, l'andare avanti alla giornata hanno purtroppo indebolito notevolmente la gia' gracile fibra dell'amministrazione calcistica.

Abbiamo nuovamente assistito a lotte intestine fra la Federazione Australiana e la Lega Nazionale che ebbero il loro tragico culmine nella minaccia della Lega di non mettere a disposizione i suoi giocatori per la squadra nazionale in occasione del torneo internazionale di meta' stagione.

La "rivolta" fu evitata con la promessa che la Federazione avrebbe usato i suoi buoni uffici per far versare alla Lega la somma "promessa" dagli sponsors, cosa che poi non avvenne precipitando le precarie condizioni finanziarie della Lega a dei 24 club che la formano.

Entrare nei dettagli del conflitto sarebbe inutile perche' la situazione e' talmente ridicola ed inconcepibile da non meritare tale disamina. Il punto e' che gli interessi della Federazione e della Lega, alla luce della realta' del calcio australiano, dovrebbero essere pressoché identici e gli sforzi di entrambi dovrebbero essere rivolti nella stessa direzione.

Come alcuni papaveri ries-

cono ad "inventare" motivi di conflitto e divergenze di interessi piu' essere spiegato soltanto dalla deplorevole abitudine di mettere bastoni fra le ruote per il futuro gusto di agire per personismo. Cio' e' anche segno evidente di mediocrita' morale ed amministrativa di alcuni dirigenti, di mancanza di un leadership di fatto. Viene cosi' a mancare coesione ed unita' di intenti e l'aria di gazzarra e di cieco egosimo pervade tutti i livelli dirigenziali del calcio federazione contro federazione, club contro club, alla ricerca del piccolo vantaggio immediato, dell'interesse di parte.

C'e' da augurarsi che il nuovo anno ponga fine a questo distruttivo stato di cose e, soprattutto, che veda emergere nuovi dirigenti con una visione piu' ampia e con una buona dose di lungimiranza.

La classe dirigente federale e di leghe deve assolutamente riguardarsi al piu' presto possibile la fiducia del pubblico e dei club, con avvedutezza e decisione per permettere a pubblico, giocatori e amministratori di club di guardare al futuro senza tanta inquietudine.

COPPA ITALIA

In campo "nostro" a Melbourne la stagione passata si e' conclusa, come ormai tradizione, con la disputa del torneo della "Coppa Italia" che comincia ad accusare segni di stanchezza molto evidenti.

Lo spirito della competizione e' sempre valido, ma il suo livello tecnico agonistico sta scendendo paurosamente al punto che se non si corre ai ripari si rischia di far fare a questa prestigiosa competizione una fine lenta ma sicura.

Alla base di questo declino noi pensiamo che ci sia la strapuntina numerica dei piccoli club che gradualmente hanno imposto condizioni e regolamenti svantaggiosi per i grandi club che cominciano a non voler piu' rischiare reputazione (e costose gambe di giocatori) in un torneo che offre loro tanto poco.

In anni recenti i piccoli club, fuori del loro numero nelle assemblee, hanno abolito i giri con teste di serie prefer-

endo di rimettersi alla fortuna del sorteggio che potrebbe (e lo ha fatto) far capitare le squadre piu' forti nello stesso girone in modo che si eliminano a vicenda, mentre "squadrette" opposte ad altre "squadrette" possono aspirare alla gloria di raggiungere le semifinali.

La suddivisione dei modesti utili del torneo e' parimenti sfavorevole a favore dei piccoli club per i quali alcune centinaia di dollari possono rappresentare buona parte del bilancio annuale, la stessa cifra e' invece insignificante per i grandi club che per partecipare alla Coppa Italia debbono affrontare spese enormi.

Sia ben chiaro che non abbiamo nulla contro i piccoli club, ma bisogna ricordare che sono i grandi club a fare il successo di tornei del genere. Mettere la Juventus, il Fawknor e il Morwell in condizione di non partecipare affatto, oppure di mettere in campo formazioni di ragazzi sprovveduti o di titolari non allenati e senza interesse, significa darsi la zappa sui piedi.

Se si vuole risollevarle le sorti della Coppa Italia, oltre ad altri rotocchi, bisogna ridare alle grandi squadre ed ai loro giocatori il giusto incentivo di partecipare e di impegnarsi.

GIUSTO TRIBUTO A CURCIO

Tony Curcio, l'ex juventino in forza al Croatia ormai da tre stagioni, e' "toronato" temporaneamente alla Juventus lo scorso novembre grazie all'Italo-Australian Sportsman of the Year Award, la premiazione dell'atleta italo-australiano dell'anno che viene organizzato in concomitanza con il ballo annuale del club bianconero sotto il patrocinio del Consorzio Generale d'Italia a Melbourne, dott. Antonino Provenzano, un diplomatico che crede fermamente nei valori dello sport.

Tony Curcio era uno dei sei candidati al prestigioso titolo di atleta italo-australiano dell'anno, gli altri erano Alfredo Costanzo (automobilismo), Roberto Dipierdomenico (football australiano), Sam Ghibilisco (pugilato), Luigi Chiumello (boccia).

La giuria composta da giornalisti italo-australiani ha assegnato il titolo al bravo, e modesto, giocatore che tutti vorrebbero rivedere in maglia bianconera. Peccato che cio' non sembra sia possibile per il momento.

Congratulazioni a Tony Curcio, auguri al futuro dell'

"Award", e complimenti al dott. Provenzano per la sua opera di prezioso appoggio alla promozione dei nostri atleti e dello sport fra la comunita' italo-australiana.

L'ANNO DELLA JUVENTUS

La Juventus di Melbourne, che l'anno scorso fece scalpore come matriarca della Lega Nazionale e fu capofila con netto distacco per parte del girone d'andata, quest'anno sembra destinata a migliorare notevolmente ed a puntare allo scudetto.

Il nuovo presidente Tony Schiavelloni si e' trovato nella felice situazione di poter contare su una buona squadra ricostruita nei due anni precedenti dai suoi predecessori Manenti e Verducci (di entrambi dei quali era stato vicedirettore e destro come vicepresidente) e di dover soltanto acquistare alcuni giocatori chiave per mettere il calcio sui maccheroni. Cosa che egli ha gia' fatto in gran parte, con massima decisione ed ammirabile entusiasmo.

Prime ancora dell'inizio della Buffal Gold Cup, quest'anno si e' giocata una meta ginaio sono stati tesserati il terzino Peter Lewis ed il centrocampista Paul Wade, due ottimi giocatori di classe e di rendimento sicuri, per una spesa complessiva di \$2300.

In questi giorni potrebbe concludersi anche l'acquisto del difensore-centrocampista McDougall dal Footscray (e sarebbe un vero e proprio "bottino").

Il rientro di Incantalupo dopo un anno di assenza per infortunio, la soluzione della situazione di Brown condizionata dal numero eccessivo di giocatori con visto di residenza temporanea, il possibile recupero di tutti (anche lui infortunato l'anno scorso ed attualmente in vacanza in Inghilterra) daranno alla Juventus una difesa ed un centrocampo con i fiocchi ed una notevole spinta in fase di attacco.

In prima linea Sweeney e' una sicurezza e Gary Ward dovrà dimostrare una volta per tutte di meritare il posto in squadra. In caso affermativo tanto di guadagnato per la Juventus e tanti dolori per le difese avversarie, in caso negativo sarà rimpiazzato senza tanti complimenti.

Stars deserting Brisbane City

By RICKY ROSSO

It seems there is only one way Brisbane City can go in 1985.

The club's record in the National League over the past three years has been read last, third last and second last.

To be fair, club directors have channelled the majority of funds in recent years into their ground and Spencer Park ranks as one of the finest sporting stadiums in Australia. Its private boxes are unrivalled in Queensland.

But while the Gino Merlo Stand is a great tribute to past directors of the club, the fans are now demanding success on the field.

Over the past three years the City team has slowly degenerated. Former stars have disappeared one by one and sadly the replacements have not been of a similar standard.

Jim Hermiston tried to rebuild the side late in 1983, but he probably tried to do things too quickly and lost the support of the finicky Italian supporters and his job at the beginning of last year.

"There has never been a long-term policy at this club. We are about to embark on a five-year rebuilding plan," new coach Tony Lownders said on his appointment during the off-season.

Lownders was appointed from a well-credentialled list of applicants, which reportedly includes Hermiston. The Englishman is a character on the Brisbane soccer scene and admits he has had "more clubs than Jack Nicklaus".

He coached Mitchell last year in the local First Division and Wynnum in the same league the previous season. He was the City reserve team coach before that.

This is his first crack at the big time, but then successful Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith was Lownders' predecessor at Mitchell.

Lownders has been successful in drawing plenty of local talent to trials at Spencer Park, but one suspects it has been forced upon him because not only have the purse strings been tight, but the purse is empty.

But Lownders has faith in the locals. Thirty-one players attended the first training session, which included hopefuls from local teams like Wynnum, Mount Gravatt, North Star and Newmarket, and Lownders believes players like David Costa, Kerry Fetsch and Wayne Corbett could be developed to NSL standard.

But there are some mighty big gaps to be filled.

It seems superb Frank Liddell, undoubtedly City's toughest and most respected player last year, is staying in Scotland. If he returns to Australia it will be to a Sydney or Melbourne club.

In midfield, Ken Swan's loan has expired and his club Grange Thistle has once again slapped a \$10,000 fee on his transfer. City is not interested at that price.

And up front, City's record of only 15 goals in 18 league games last year showed that there never really was anyone of goalkeeping note in the side although last season's coach Joe Gilroy's cautious tactics did little to help.

One ray of hope for 1985, Queensland youth squad striker Lee Scraggins, has left to trial at Leicester City. He is not expected back until April, at the absolute soonest. But talented youngsters Mark Barry and Mar Boyd, who played on loan at Premier League clubs last year, are expected back at Spencer Park.

Although Lownders should be commended for giving local talent an opportunity, it is painfully obvious City must buy before the season starts if it hopes to do any better than in 1984.

The club's only signing to date has been former Lions midfielder Ray Junna, but the youngster is hardly a player on whom to build a team.

To buy the players City needs is apparently beyond the club's already severely strained cash reserves.

The situation is not making for a confident build-up to the first fixture and already a number of experienced players have indicated they want out rather than go through another season like last year.

Captain Frank Timblett, who took over the reins when Joe Gilroy resigned five weeks from the end of the season, failed to show for early-season training and Steve Perry, Kim Wishart and Luciano Fabrizio, have asked to be put on, or are already on, the transfer list.

There was talk at one stage of a swap involving Fabrizio and former Lions player Steve Hogg, but the deal was initiated by Canberra's Doug Collins and City remained relatively disinterested.

So at present the indications are that the completely new City board, headed by new president John Ciavarella and chairman Paul La Nura, has a difficult time ahead. Crowds last year plummeted to record lows and the fans will not return until City starts winning.

Whether they are prepared to give Lownders his five years is, on past examples, unlikely. But if City struggles again this year, predictions of a return to the Queensland competition in 1986 may prove much more than rumors.

YUGOSLAVIENSKA SCENA

NA PAGU NOVE SEZONE

Vecina klubova Nacionalne lige stupa u novu sezonu sa nesigurnim koracima i nepreciscenim racunima. Prosla godina bila je veliki promasaj godini promasenih nada. Pokrovitelji se izgubio, ostajao je za sobom velika nesigurnost. Ostalo je da se ceh plate klubovi, koji i bez toga gresu u dugovima.

Godisnja članarina za mesto u Nacionalnoj ligi iznosi 24.000 dolara, što znači da svaki klub u proseku mora odigrati oko 5 do 6 domaćih utakmica da bi u potpunosti samo ovu obaveznu da ne spominjemo ostale bazine, uključujući mladi tim, koji je oporezovan sa 1500 dolara!

Prihodi sa međunarodnih utakmica i Soccerpola također siluju u savezu blagajni, s to nigde nema u svetu! Prosele godine iz sela tzv. Međunarodnih utakmica prekinula prvenstvo Nacionalne lige, zbog čega su svi klubovi imali smanjene prihode, jer se smanjio interes publike.

Mnogi klubovi cuteci srljaju u sve veće dugove, ali neki ne mogu visati na cete. Uzmimo primer JUST-a, mada Heidelberg United i George Green imaju veće probleme i dugove, dok se Green Gulf Ajax krpi na rugo strani. Ni Juventus ne stoji na cvrstim nogama, iako se najviše raxmeće da bi odrazio status vodećeg kluba Italijanske zadine, koja se je podelila na desetak klubova.

JUSTOVA materijalna bolest jeste hronična zbog slabih rezultata na zelenom polju. Jugoslovenska zajednica praktično je okrenula leđa svom jednom predstavniku u Nacionalnoj ligi. Jugosloveni jedu za fudbala, ali beže od odgovornosti i javne, naročito kada kola podju nizbroz. Sve uprave su pokušavale da poprave stanje dovodenjem novih igrača, ali zadnjih godina retko su se sa kojim usrećili. Sve je to kostalo novaca koji nisu bili za treba kriti da je JUST od tih para, platinen za ostete, sudove i advokate, mogao da podigne dom i tribine na svom igralistu.

U ovu tesku sezonu JUST ulazi sa velikom dozom pesimizma. Možda je tako mnogo bolje, nego kao ranijih godina kada se suviše visoko letelo, zbog čega je svaki pad nanosio teske bolove i ogromno razočarenje.

POKUSAJ SA MLADIMA

JUST je lose pocao. Izgubio je prv utakmicu sa Mariborom. Falcenost zbog neodgovorne igre ključnih i iskusnih igrača, koji nisu pružili podršku mladim i novim igračima. Medjutim, trener Ceda Cirkovic veruje da ce se odnos starijih igrača prema igri i klubu promeniti na bolje, a da ce mladi igrači kroz noco takmicenje steci potrebno iskustvo za Nacionalno prvenstvo, koje pocinje 10. marta.

Novi igrači su dosli iz nizerazrednih klubova u Melburnu, jer su ostali izvori presušili. Iz materijalnih razloga "plavi" su "prodali" nekoliko starijih igrača, koji su inace bili balast i los primer mladima. Medjutim, otisli su i neki vredni igrači jer su tržili mnogo visi nego što to dozvoljava trenutna situacija.

Sledeću utakmicu u Nocnom kupu JUST igra protiv Heidelberg Utd u subotu 2. februara na Olympic Parku. Ukoliko "plavi" izgube ovu igru mogu zaboraviti na polufinale.

MAKEDONIJA takođe ima problem sa veterinarima, što je prinudilo da se osloni na mlade igrače, koji su se odlicno pokazali u prvom susretu.

JUGO-TURNIRI

Na kraju prošle sezone održana su pet Jugoturina, koji su pružili izvanrednu zabavu jugoslovenskoj zajednici.

Prva dva turnira odvojili su igraci Central City/City.

Na turniru u Geelongu i u Williamstown trijumfovali je mladi tim JUST-a, dok je na zadnjem turniru u Kesboroughu Springvale United pobedio mladi tim JUST-a i u finalu sa 3:1. Poslednji turnir bio je divan spektakl i uspele revije fudbalske snage jugoslovenske zajednice u Viktoriji.

PRIPREME OSTALIH KLUBOVA

Altona Gate/VARDAR igra prv utakmicu za prvenstvo Prve divizije u gostima 23. marta protiv Caulfield City-a prema podacima, koji nisu potpuni u taboru Vardara nema promena. Verovatno ce otici neki stariji igrači tako da ce se trener Stevo Trajkovski osloniti na mlade snage. Altona Gae ima veliki broj juniura, medju njima nekliki talenta. Steta je ako imse ne pruzi saka. U svakom slučaju Altona Gate ne moze ni ove godine racunati na bolji plasman od zlatnesredine na tabeli.

U drugoj diviziji Ringwood/SRBIA je ponovo ukazala poverenje treneru KenKontri, koji je pokazao vrlo dobre rezultate na kraju prošle sezone. Igrački kadar nije popunjen, ali nova uprava ima ambiciozne planove. Prvu utakmicu u novom prvenstvu Ringwood/Srbija igra protiv NorthGeelonga u gostima.

S P R I N G V A L E U N I T E D (Braydonville) jenovalja u trecoj diviziji, gde ce naici na vecu konkurenciju. "PLAVI" iz Springvale su izgubili najboljeg strelca Milana Stojilovica, koji je presao u JUST, ali jos uvek mogu sa uspehom da se bore za visok plasman. Vazno je da igrači kupu vise samo discipline i odgovornosti prem klubu, sto nije bio slucaj na kraju prvenstvene sezone, naročito u kupu četvorce. Prvu prvenstvenu utakmicu Springvale United igra protiv Heidelberg Bund-a na imanju Jugoslovenskog radničkog centra u Kesboroughu.

Ialor/SLOGA se takmicu u četvrtjoj diviziji. U novu sezonu ulazi sa velikim ambicijama. Za trenera je angazovan Janko Kalincev, koji je sa uspehom trenirao juniore u Preston/Makedonije i skolsku reprezentaciju države Viktorije. Uprava pregovara se cetiri do pet igrača sa velikim iskustvom, koji mogu pomoći Slogi da izbori prilazak u trecu diviziju. Pored pogodaka prvotima, klub ce pocieti sa gradnjom doma na igralistu u Thomasownu, prvu utakmicu u novom prvenstvu Sloga igra protiv Bordera u Albury-u u subotu 23. marta.

U prvjoj privizionolnoj diviziji svake druge subote igraće se jedan Jugod-derbi izmedju 4 nasa klubova.

Na papiru najjači je Williamstown/MLA-DOST, koji je okupio prilican broj dobrih igrača, ali su mu glavna snaga bivsi juniuri JUST-a:Alfonovic, ostadinis i Jovic. Razume se bez izvrsnog golmeta Milutina Cirica ne bi ovaj klub mogao postigao u prošloj sezoni, pa ce i ove godine popularni Cirica biti stub odbrane. Medjutim, navala se takođe mora pojačata pr boljih strelaca. Na tome uprava radi uz pomoc vrednih članova i klupskih prostori-

ja, koje donose prilican prihod klubu. Klub je promenio ime, posto je dobio igraliste na Grey Reseve u Williamstownu. Prosele godine klub se zvao Carlton, a za naseljeje MLADOST. Prvu prvenstvenu utakmicu Mladost igra protiv Chelsea u gostima.

CentralCity/C ZVEZDA ima mnogo bolje igraće od rezultata koje je postigla u prošlom prvenstvu. Ove godine ce biti izena, jer su se Emil Petrov i Edi Krt vratili u matični klub JUST. I jos uvek ima igrača sa kojima se moze postici zavidan uspeh. GoranSimic, Dragan Milenkovic i Miki Cvetkovski su retki talenti, koji jos uvek napreduju i ove sezone mogu biti udarna snaga Zvezde. Zvezde ima odlicne uslove za trening na Como Parku. Trener je Petar Kronic, koji zajedno sa barom Zoranom, Miodragom Velickovicem, Boskom Djordjevicem, Mladenom Muticem i Nikolom Popovicem pokušava da Zvezdu postavi na cvrste noge. Zvezda se velikio priprema za turnir u malom fudbali koji se održava na Monash Univerzitetu. Pored toga, Zvezda je pomogla JUST u priprema za noco takmicenje, sa kojim je odigrala prijateljsku na svom igralistu. Prvu prvenstvenu utakmicu Zvezda igra protiv Regenta na Como Parku u subotu 23. marta.

Pascoe Vale/PELISTER je novajlija u prvjoj diviziji i jenovalja na kraju prošle godine osvojio prvenstvo Istina, "plavi" iz Pascoe Vale su posle toga naglo popustili, ali jos uvek mogu da se povrate i ostvare velike ambicije za prelazak u Metropolitanu. U prvom kolu novog prvenstva Pascoe Vale je gostClarinde.

WANTIRNA je samo po imenu novklub. Prosele godine se zvao HAWKSBUURN, koji je četvrtio mesto u prvjoj privizionolnoj diviziji. Klubje trenirao sa uspehom Joe Sabo, koji je iz porodičnih razloga napustio Australiju za kratko vreme, ali se vec vratio na dnost. Wantirna ima novog igraliste, ciji je vlasnik. Pored toga, na igralistu se gradi dom, a vec su izgradile nove prostorije. Prvu prvenstvenu utakmicu Wantirna igra protiv Hawthorna na svom igralistu.

Altona/VOJVODINA je ostala u drugoj privizionolnoj diviziji iako je imao vrlo dobar tim. Medjutim, povrede i kazne uticale su na "crveno-beli" igraju u promjenljivom forom tokom cete godine. Ukoliko sacuva mlade igraće na okupu Vodvodina moze postici veci uspeh u novoj sezoni. Trenerklub je Pavle Oravec koji je nastavio na svoja leđa mnogo obavez, pored toga sto vodi treninge, cesto igra po dve utakmice (za rezervu i prvi tim) na vim pozicijama. Od starijih igrača najpouzdaniji su Velja Dupor i Adam Miller. Prvu prvenstvenu utakmicu Altona United igra na svom igralistu protiv Dingley Uniteda.

kensington united/BEOGRAD pocao je uspesno uspešno prvu utakmicu ali je pred kraj naglo popustio zbog nedisciplinovanosti igrača. Trener Stevo Prokora trudio se koliko je mogao damiriv zvece svojih igrača, ali nije uspeo. Sa talentima, koje klub ima u svojim redovima, Beograd moze i ove godine da se bori za prvo mesto. Prvu utakmicu igra u gostima protiv Burwood Uniteda u subotu 23. marta.



by Manos Milios

ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΟΥΡΝΟΥΑ ΔΕΛΤΑ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΝΒΟΕ ΧΡΟΝΟΣ - ΝΕΑ ΤΑΙΖΟΝ ΠΟΔΟΣΦΑΙΡΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ ΠΟΛΙΤΕΣ ΕΠΑΓΓΕΛΜΑΤΙΩΝ ΑΝΘΡΩΠΩΝ

Αλτα λουπών σταμάσε και στέ 1985 καί η στήλη εχεται σε βλητή φιλιαθλη παροι-κία κώδε επιτυχία.

Φυσικά σε λίγους μήνες θα αρχίσει μία νέα σειρά του μικρού και μεγάλου θα λαφουρή στην ελληνική... μάχη για να δια κηθούν.

Η εχθρότητα λουπών σε όλες τις ομάδες μας νίκας και ορισμούς οι όποιες όμως έρχονται με την άγνητη την δύναμη με ταξβ πακιστών, προνοητική και τραγικών.

ΤΟ SOCCER ACTION ΠΑΛΑΙ ΚΟΝΤΑ ΕΑΡ

Καθερώμενη πλέον το SOCCER ACTION όχι μόνο στη Μελβούρν αλλά και στο Σίδνεϊ και την Άδελαιδα και όλα τα μέρη της Αύ στραλίας.

Ενδιαφέρον με τα αποτελέσματα αλλά βα σικά και με όλα τους άφοροβη τις ομάδες μας, καθώς και με τις βαθμολογίες, έχει γί νει πλέον απαραίτητο στους φιλάθλους.

Μία άδεια χρονιά λουπών το SOCCER ACTION θα είναι κοντά σας.

ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΕΥΡΕΛΑΟ

Αρχίζοντας τα ελληνικά νέα από τοπική δώ τη στήλη, διαλέχθηκε σάν πρώτο θέμα το "Ελ-ληνικό Κόμπελλο", το 3ο στην ιστορία του το όποιο συνδυάζονται από μερικά όχι και τό-σο εύχρηστα σημεία.

"Hón είναι γνωστό τα γεγονότα από τοπική φιλάθλους που βρέθηκαν αυτές τις μέρες στο γήπεδο του "Hρακλή όπου έγιναν και οι άγώνες.

"Αρχεται με τα επεισόδια που έγιναν μετά τη συνάντηση άδρας - Πανελληνίου, άς έπι-σως και με τις τιμωρίες που επέβαλε η έ-πιτροπή, αυτό που ξεχωρίσαμε - όχι μόνο βίαιε αλλά όλοι - είναι άσυχολούνα με το ελληνικό κόμπελλο - είναι ότι μερικά άτο-μα που άνηκαν στην έπιτροπή τό έχουν κά νει κατεστημένο.

Μέ άλλα λόγια έχουν πάρει το ελληνικό κόμπελλο σάν προσωπικό τους θέμα και με τον τρόπο αυτό ΛΥΟΧΥΗ και ΔΕΝΟΧΥΗ.

Αυτό άποφασίζουν και κάνουν ό,τι θέλουν

με αποτέλεσμα να έχουν γίνει στόχος από παρόντες και φιλάθλους.

Δέν είναι τυχαίο τό μετέθεμα που έγινε σάν τελικό, όπου μισοί άνθρωποι της έπι-τροπής ήξεραν ότι θα παίζει τό Κλίφτον Χιλ στή θέση του Πανελληνίου και μισοί τό άγνοούσαν.

Και όμως τό ραδιόφωνο και μία μερίδα του Τόπου είχαν άναγγείλει τον άγώνα αυτόν.

Και η έδραση φυσικά "έξερνε" από άδρά-πους της έπιτροπής.

Και αυτό όμως ήταν λάθος γιατί προτιμήθη-κε τό Κλίφτον, ενώ υπήρχαν κι άλλες ομάδες Πέλοπας, "Hρακλής.

Τό έζαυτισμα του φιλικού Απόλλων με Βρυή ήταν ένα άδεια δείγμα του "Αλφα και Δένυ" που προαναφέραμε.

Μετά έχουμε και τους κανονισμούς όπου έ-ναι άλγετα ότι υπάρχει καταστατικό και έ-ναι όλοι έλουν να ίσχυουν οι κανονισμοί της "Ομοσπονδίας, σέ δέν συμφέρει μπαινόναυ "Ομοσπονδία" κανονισμοί.

"Ανοήτως άνθρωπο της έπιτροπής δέν να χρη-σιμοποιεί δικτατορική διαλεκτική προς τους φιλάθλους που ήθελαν να μάθουν τίνος ήταν η έδρα για να γίνει ο φιλικός και μάλιστα με τις ομάδες αυτές.

"Η άπάντησή του ήταν: "Βγώ διάλεξα την μία ομάδα καί... άμα σάς άρέσει!"

Νά λοιπόν γιατί άναπερήκαμε σέ μερικά άτομα της έπιτροπής τα όποια δέν πρέπει να άφίσταντο τό πόστα τους και σέ άλλους παρ-άγοντες. Καίριος είναι να μπούν βέ άτομα γιατί τό κακό άρχισε να μεγαλώνει.

"Επίσης κάτι που διαβάσαμε πώς... "Hέρος των χρημάτων ή έλα τα χρηματα που στέλνο-νται από την Γ.Ρ.Α να διατεθούν σέ ένα ά-τομο που θα έργάζετα έλκλκρο τον όνομα γιά... τό "Ελληνικό Κόμπελλο" άς έλίσσουμε πώς δέν θα γίνει κάτι τέτοιο γιατί τό σάν υψάλο θα μεγαλώσει.

Αλλά γιά τό ελληνικό Κόμπελλο τό 1984. "Όσο γιά την έπιτροπή δέν άμφιβάλλουμε ότι κουράστικε αλλά άς μη ξεχνάμε πώς... σέ πόλα κύρια σημεία έχασε.

ΠΑΝΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ

"Όπως άκούσαμε και μετά την τιμωρία που επέβαλε σάν Πανελλήνιο η έπιτροπή τό έλ

ληνικό τουρνουά, ή διοίκηση τό συλλόγου θα διαμαρτυρηθεί κατ'έχθειαν σάν Γ.Ρ.Α

ή "Ελλάδας κ.Κίωμα Κουλοφού.

Τό πόστο του υπεύθυνου έκί τό Τόπου άνε λαρε δ κ.Γιόργος άαργές ό όποιος φαίνεται ότι έχει άρκετά όρεξη.

Σίγουρα είναι μία όση κύρια και δ Πανελ-λήνιος χρειάζονται από καιρό κάποιον σάν τον κ.Δαργέ.

ΤΟ ΜΑΤΕΙΡΕΜΑ ΓΙΝΕΤΑΙ ΑΚΩΗ

Τό πρόγραμμα των άγώνων γιά τό 1985 είναι έτοιμο από τό VSF γιά όλες τις κατηγορίες πλην όμως άδεια "μαγειρεύονται" οι άνακα-τατόσεις.

"Γιάρκουν άρκετές περιπτώσεις γιά να ένω-θούν ομάδες σέ άνέτερης κατηγορίες και να μέλουν κενές θέσεις.

Σέ τέτοια περίπτωση δέν εύνοηθούν όλοι οι σόλλογοι που τελείωναν στην 3η θέση τό βαθμολογικό πίνακα στις κατηγορίες τους.

"Εαν γίνει κάτι τέτοιο φυσικά είναι να άλλάξει πάλι τό πρόγραμμα.

ΣΤΙΣ 23 ΜΑΡΤΗ Η ΠΡΩΤΗ ΚΕΝΤΡΑ

Τό Βικτωριανό πρωτάθλημα θα άρχίσει στις 23 Μάρτη Δάββατο.

Οι έλληνικές μας ομάδες στήν 1η άγωνιστι-κή θα έχουν τους έξης αντίπαλους.

ΣΤΕΦΙ ΛΙΓΗ

24 Μάρτη Κυριακή

Μέλγουνε - Πανελλήνιος

Πολώνια - "Hρακλής

25 Μάρτη Δάββατο

Α' κατηγορία Βικτωρία Λίγη

Κέλφοντ Σίτυ - Άλτωνα Γκράιτ

Β' κατηγορία

Σάντοριγχα - Όλη

"Ερμς Μορντάλλοκ - Κόμπουρυκ

Γ' κατηγορία

Αδρα Γιάραβι - Περόν Σίτυ

Ν.Ελλάς - Γουάλοβν

Δ' κατηγορία

Κλίφτον Χιλ - Γκρόντοπωρ

Α' κατηγορία Προβίλιννα

Καρίλντα - Πασκοβίλν

ΤΟ ΤΟΥΡΝΟΥΑ ΤΩΝ ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΩΝ

Καθερώμενη πλέον τό τουρνουά των Παλαι-μάχων πού γίνεται σάν γήπεδο τό "Ερμς Μο-ρντάλλοκ και με την συμμετοχή πολλών δώ δων.

Θέτος μεταξύ άλλων μετέχουν οι ομάδες πα-λαιμάχων της Κλαρίντας (Hέροβας Πέρονα το-τίτλο)τό "Ερμς, τό "Όλη, τό "Καλκτον Ραί-νι,τό "Hρακλή και τό Κλίφτον Χιλ.

Οι άγώνες πρύνεται να άρχίσουν τις ήμέ-ρες αυτές αλλά δέν έχει καθοριστεί ή άκρι-βής ήμερομηνία.

ΝΕΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΜΑΔΑ ΣΤΟ "ΙΝΤΕΡΣΤΡΙΑ"

Τό "Όλη Σίτυ τό "Ιντάστοριαλ έγινε πλέον έλληνικό και όσοι παίκτες έπιθυμούν να φο-ρέσουν την φανέλλα μπορούν να τηλεφωνή-σουν σάν Μάο Κήλιο σέ 663 4822.

"Hón με τό "Όλη Σίτυ έχουν έκδηλώσει την έπιθυμία γιά να παίξουν οι Άννης Σβί-γκιος,Βασίλης Πατένης,Μανώλης Μάκης,Γιό-ργος Καραγιάννης,Γιόργος Χατζής,Αφο Μενί-νης,Πήτερ Παγώνης και Κώστας Πίκουλας.

"Επίσης παρακαλείται δ Αφο Στερνίου να τηλεφωνήσει σάν γράφονται σέ 663 4822.

ΕΠΙΣΤΡΟΦΗ Ο ΓΙΑΝΝΑΟΣ

"Ο Γιάννης Μαργαρίτης πού βρισκείται από-τόν καιρό στήν "Αλλάδα,πρόκειται να έπι-στρέψει σύντομα.

Είναι δέ άγνωστο ότι μάλις φθάσει στήν Μελβούρν δ έλληνας τεχνικός δά έχει σο-βαρές προτάσεις από συλλόγους της "Εθνι-κής κατηγορίας.



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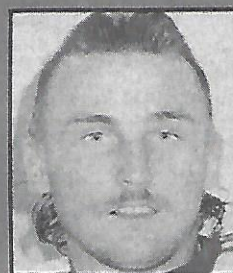
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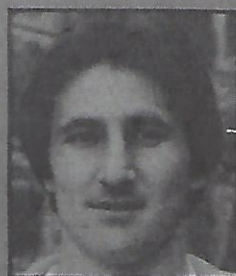
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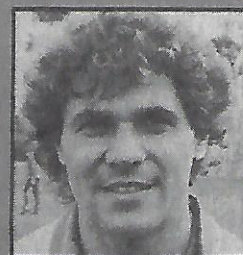
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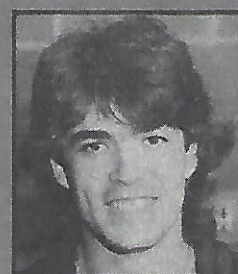
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